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During the casual segment of the Outstanding Young Man program, senior Doug Samuel addresses the audience as classmates Mike Wall and Jeremy Lewis wait their turn. Twenty senior boys participated in the program. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

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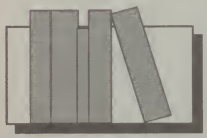

Working on his computer, freshman Matt Welches types his story for the Legend class. Welches was the only freshman on staff and took the beginning journalism while working as a staff writer for the yearbook. • ***Joseph Durk***

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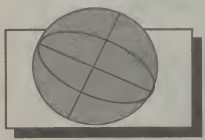

Running in a meet, the girls cross country team competes with Valparaiso. With more than 20 different athletic teams to choose from, students could have participated in at least three a year while still keeping up their other work. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

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At the National Honor Society Banquet, senior Melissa Spence sells "Golden Opportunities" discount books. NHS sponsored many programs throughout the year, including a benefit walk/run for the Cory Wineland fund raiser. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

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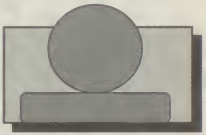

Passing out candy, senior girls grab what they want to throw during the homecoming parade. The senior class won every competition that week, which was all organized by Student Council. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

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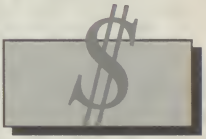

With eyes on his computer, senior Todd Strom helps a customer with a financial transaction at S&T Federal Credit Union. Many students earned their income by working in area businesses after school and on weekends. • ***William Busch***

Motioning to their friends, students gathered with faculty and community members in the stands of the football field to celebrate a hopeful victory. Most of these students were involved in other activities, which helped create legends for years to come as the accomplishments they made will live forever.

• ***Courtney Pierce***

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High school brings forth many highs and lows for all students and staff. But through it all, the friends and foes united and helped to bring success. The bonds created here will provide memories for years to come. With each new year, traditions are passed down from generation to generation. Sometimes these traditions seem to last through the ages while others are lost because society changes.

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Many students went beyond expectations while pursuing a life outside of normal school work. With such a diverse cast of veterans and rookies, "The Odd Couple" was a successful production that entertained much of the community. National Honor Society members also involved the community as well as their peers. First, in the fall, they opened a haunted house for children of all ages. Then, again in the spring, they helped to raise money for the burn victim, Cory Wineland. In addition to helping the community, students helped themselves. In a combined effort to give students something to do after Prom and to curb the issue of drinking and driving, S.A.D.D. / S.T.O.P., junior class, parents and the administration teamed up to rekindle the old tradition of the Post Prom. Individuals came together to help make the school as a whole be successful by earning praise when the school evaluating North Central team entered the doors; interviewing students and faculty, observing classes and recognizing how the school dealt with issues.

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Every student had his or her own destiny, while some students did all they could to determine their own future, others decided to take the hand they were dealt and let it follow its course. During the cold winter months, the school cracked

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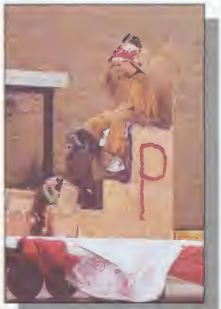
Junior Jacklyn Mez informs her audience of her plans in "The Odd Couple. This performance was unlike most because it involved two different casts, one with a male cast and the other with a female cast. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Waiting to announce who his parents are, senior Car Buergler participates in the Outstanding Young Man program for senior boys. Buergler went home that night after receiving third runner-up. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***



Grabbing his headdress, junior Blake Wiseman rides atop the junior class float in the Homecoming Parade. The junior class' float slid into a ditch on the way to the starting point before any one had ridden it. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Saying good-bye, Mr. Forrest Rhode, Mr. Dennis Norman and Mr. Richard Kirchner converse at the National Honor Society's Induction Banquet. Rhode was former principal before Kirchner took over in 1995. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Just entering onto Central Avenue from Aylesworth Elementary School, the JROTC squad members participate in the Fall Homecoming Parade. The parade was eventful for some, especially to those who put in hard work and long hours, but when they heard the parade was nearly cancelled because of rain, their spirits were dampened. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Passing time in the Commons, junior George Sabo meets up with some friends. Sabo was a member of a band which performed at the Variety Show. The Variety Show was Sat. night, Feb. 22, 1997, in the auditorium. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

While in the gym lobby, senior Meaghan Husted, Kristin Zurcher and Cindy Hatala react to some shocking news about the basketball game after the announcement of the Winter Homecoming Royalty. Hatala won queen with senior Nathan Mundt as king. Juniors Irene DeJesus and Nathan Ozug were announce princess and prince respectively.

• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

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ministration installed surveillance cameras in back of the tennis courts where some students complained of smoking. At the beginning of the year, it seemed as if the suspension / expulsion list magically grew to excessive lengths. Some reasons included the usual, smoking and fighting for examples, but with more serious issues involved. Several students were arrested for gang activity, having a shot-off with a stolen gun in the neighborhood of Osage and Oakwood.

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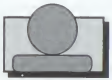
With the flowers in the spring coming up, controversies also grew like dandelions. Two weeks before Spring Break, two male students were suspended for wearing skirts to school, followed by those same students passing out blue ribbons they said symbolized student freedom of expression.



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Sometimes in a year, issues come up and really don't have a category except that they create their own legend. While Homecoming week is usually hectic enough, the Wednesday of that week was not only crazy hair day, but also included a two-hour fire alarm. Or so thought everyone as it was actually dust particles in the vents on the top of the school. Prom was introduced to a special date as same sex couples were permitted to attend. A new rule included in Winter Homecoming came about that if a girl was nominated for queen in the fall that she could not be nominated in the winter court.

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Although everyone has an option of what they want to do with their legend that is passed down, year after year and ideas of today making legends for tomorrow, students and staff alike were thrown into the mix together of this school to make what we call home.

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While at the starting point for the annual Student Council Fall Homecoming Parade, seniors Mignon Montpetit and Brandon Miller discuss plans of what could happen on the spur of the moment. Many unexpected events occurred during the parade, such as the junior class' float falling into a ditch and the cold downpour of rain. The senior class won all the competitions during the week, which included hall decorations, float competition and spirit days.

• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

John hates to GET READY in the morning

Many students get ready different ways in the mornings.

Early in the morning, you hear that annoying little buzz inside your head, "BUZZ, BUZZ, BUZZ!" You reach for the snooze button but opt to hurl the alarm clock against the wall.

A lot of times students would fall into a routine. For junior Shannon Longmore that routine consisted of hitting the snooze, rolling out of bed, taking a shower, getting dressed, brushing her teeth, drying her hair, getting some coffee and leaving for school. A routine could be a pleasant (or unpleasant) reminder that school was here and that meant early mornings were here also. Just the thought would send some students running back to their bed. Students like junior Kathy Ostrander thanked the inventor of the snooze button every morning that they woke up for school.

The thought of waking up scared some students. "I hate them [mornings]! I have to get out of my nice warm bed and into the cold, cold world," Longmore said.

There were many modes of transportation that helped get students to school in the morning. Some went by car; whether by their own car, their parent's car or their friend's car. Others used the bus that some students choose to call "a big yellow banana." "I could not wait until my friends and I became juniors so that we did not have to ride the bus to school anymore," Longmore said. Others lived close enough to the school that they could just walk.

For some students their car was their own little kitchen. "If I do not have time to eat breakfast at home, I will eat it in the car on the way to school or in the parking lot," Ostrander said.

Imagine this: School starts in 45 minutes and you need to get in the bathroom and take a shower. But guess what, someone else is in the bathroom already.

Some people, however, didn't have that problem. Longmore had the house and the bathroom to herself in the morning.

Some students did have that problem. Ostrander said, "Every morning, I have to fight with my parents in order to get into the bathroom. I usually wind up waking up earlier than I have to just to get into the bathroom."

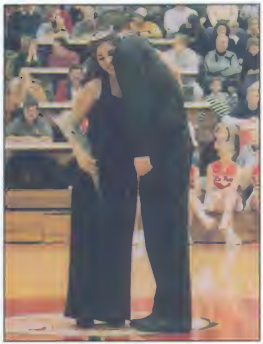
• *Genanne Voynovich*

Just waking from the evening slumber, sophomore Jimmy Gilbert tries to rise to the occasion of going to school. Gilbert woke up that morning at 7 a.m. and was consequently late for school. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Planning to audition for the fall play, sophomore Jessica Lach wants to look good all day. She was auditioning for "The Odd Couple." • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Sitting at her locker with friends, senior Beth Sabin waits at her locker. Sabin found her friends at her second floor locker. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Poised at the line, junior Marc Tarpley prepares to shoot his free throw. In a close scoring game, the boys lost to LaPorte, 51-52. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***



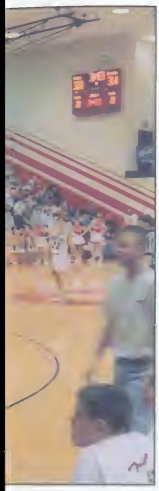
Junior Dan Barajas congratulates junior Irene DeJesus as she accepts her Winter Homecoming princess crown. Students had the chance to vote for the person they wanted for princess/prince and queen/king during first hour. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

During the Fall Homecoming parade, sophomores Becky Zajicek and Josh Swindle ride on the sophomore float. The football game was played against Michigan City and the sophomore theme was "Send the Wolves Packing." • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

During the Winter Homecoming game senior Mike Pickering tries to pass the ball to a fellow teammate. There were a large number of fans from both the school and community to see the homecoming game and to find out who would become the royalty. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

celebratin' SPIRIT WEEK together

From games to dances, students have fun, win together



Amid the roar of the crowd and the glare of the lights, the home team listens to the fans that cheer them on to victory. The night is Homecoming and the week is Spirit Week. Most are showing their love for their team.

That may not always be the case, though. According to junior Elaine Geeting students did not show enough "spirit" during spirit week. Geeting contributed this to students who became bored with the same activities for every spirit week. "I think we need to get more creative in the choices for each day. The same thing all the time gets boring," Geeting said.

Every year the choices were the same: Class Color day, Red and White day, Pajama day and Punk day. "Why not have a Twin day, Hat day, Inside Out day, along with Class Color day and Red and White day," Geeting said. At the conclusion of each day, each class received its percentage as to how many people in their grade participated. It was usually the seniors who won, but no one knew for sure until the announcements.

But not everybody felt that students did not care about spirit week. One example was senior Andy Berger, a member of the varsity basketball team. "Everybody should participate in spirit week because it shows good spirit," Berger said.

The thrill of it all, having watched the home team win their game. For Fall Homecoming it was a chilly night, when students huddled together to cheer their team on to victory. In comparison, for Winter Homecoming it was a stuffy evening in the gym while the crowd waited in anticipation to find out who would become the victor. While the team played, they could hear the crowd cheer. Senior Mike Pickering, also a member of the varsity basketball team, said, "It helps the team get pumped up. The hype of it all."

At half-time, students found out who was the next queen and Mr. Football. Senior Autumn Hyde was chosen as queen and senior Pete Shaw was Mr. Football.

For the winter season, students chose the next queen/king and princess/prince. Students chose senior Cyndy Hatala as queen and senior Nathan Mundt as king. The princess was junior Irene DeJesus and the prince was junior Nathan Ozug.

After both homecoming games, students had the chance to gather together with friends at the dance.

• ***Genanne Voynovich & Corey Schumacher***

While playing Magic, freshman Sarah Alsman looks on as sophomore Brian Zingo and senior Donald Woodke compete against each other in the fantasy game. Magic was a card game involving role playing and was originally outlawed by the administration but was later deemed school appropriate when students objected to the rule. *•Michele Kniola*

While in the toy department, senior Petra DeJesus jokes around at Super KMart while friends look on. Many students stopped at Super KMart to shop or just spend some free time. Shopping was a favored activity among students, especially those who had part-time jobs as a source of income. *• Michele Kniola*

Junior Elisa Bethel talks with Angie Redlarczyk, a graduate of Chesterton High School. Many students made lasting friendships with people from other cities and schools. *• Michele Kniola*

Senior JR Joseph laughs with friends over a basket of fries at Schoop's Hamburgers. Local restaurants were popular places for students to gather and talk while enjoying a meal. *• Michele Kniola*

everyone's gotta HANGOUT somewhere

Students found various ways to spend their time out of school.

Despite the efforts people make to distinguish themselves as individuals, everyone still needs to belong to a group. Students often found that they were accepted by friends at school and classmates were seen more out of class than in class.

Many students had regular hangouts and found themselves and their friends returning to the same place or activity. Junior Rachel Wilson said, "I go with my friends to coffee houses just about every weekend."

Junior Craig Golbeski had a simpler view on going out. "I go to friend's houses or wherever the party is at," he said.

Most students said they would rather spend time with a few close friends than a large group of people, although it depended on the situation.

Golbeski said, "It depends on my mood. Sometimes I hang out with a bunch of people and sometimes I just want to be in a small group."

Many students found that the places they went and friendships they made changed over time.

"Before we always had to go out to do something but now just being together at someone's house is enough," Golbeski said.

Students also found that their time with friends was limited by extracurricular activities and other commitments.

Wilson said, "I have Speech Team, Writer's Block and tryouts for the play."

Most people felt that they could benefit from more spare time to relax and hang out.

"I would probably spend more time with my family. I have been neglecting them because I am so busy," Golbeski said.

Wilson added, "If I had more time, I would go to more concerts. The Smashing Pumpkins concert was the best time I've ever had with my friends."

After dividing their time between activities such as school, meetings, practices and work, students found a variety of ways to spend their remaining time. Most students preferred to hang out with their friends, and some spent time with their families.

• ***Elizabeth Verbich***

As others are watching the video screen, juniors Nicole Hall and Emily Bauer appear to be enjoying themselves at the dance. The homecoming dance was the first time a video dance has been held at the school. • ***Courtney Pierce***

At the homecoming dance Sept. 27, there was the first ever video dance. Freshman Megan Van Auken dances to the "Macerana." • ***Courtney Pierce***

Seniors Jennifer Serynek, Liz Singleton and Esther Torrez hang out at the dance. Some students take breaks to hang out during the dances. • ***Courtney Pierce***

dancing NIGHT AWAY after games

Some students enjoy dancing at the Friday night dances, others don't

Dances on Friday nights were a place to go after the games to dance or just listen to the music.

Sophomore Stephanie Williams said, "I think that dances are a time for fun, dancing and for everyone to have a good time."

Although some students went to the dances, others went to parties or just hang out with friends instead. "I don't really like the music and my friends don't go," freshman Bret Gnat said.

The DJ's at the dances usually played the same music from dance to dance which some students liked and others didn't.

Sophomore Nicole Papp said, "I like the DJ's they have because they play good dance music."

Students who didn't like the music went because their friends did and it was something to do. Sophomore Jeff During said, "I don't like some of the music they play but almost all of my friends go."

"You mostly see the same group of people at the dances, there is no real variety," sophomore Stacey Wiemer said.

"I think people don't go to dances because they don't like to dance or maybe none of their friends go," Papp said. • ***Cyndi Cochran***

Dancing to the song "Macerana" senior Myndi Gilbert watches the other dancers. The "Macerana" was a popular song for the after football game dances. • ***Courney Pierce***

an 'Odd' TWIST ON 'The Wizard of Oz'

The theater productions took a couple of twists with changes

During a time in that was supposed to be the most fun and carefree of one's life, some students took another approach and looked at a more serious side of life.

Students did "The Odd Couple" for the fall play production. "The Odd Couple," which was originally cast as an almost totally male cast, was cast for two different performances. One was all male the other all female. The split cast made it possible for each cast to only perform their show once instead of the normal two to three.

Junior Ryan Sweeney, who portrayed Felix Ungar in the all male version, said "I would have liked to do more than one performance, but just doing the one made it all the more special."

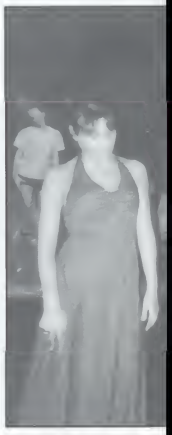
During the spring, "The Wiz" was chosen to be performed as the musical after the school was turned down for the rights to perform "Grease" because the musical was being performed at the Shubert Theater in Chicago during the same time as the musical. "The Wiz" is based on the book "The Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum. The spring musical involved much more than just the actors. In musicals, many different people are involved. Since it involved music, several students from the orchestra were asked to be part of the pit orchestra.

"It was a lot of hard work and you miss the play because you were thinking about notes, not what was happening on stage," junior Abbey Kay said.

Although some students became involved with the theater as something to do in their spare time, others were involved for more long term reasons.

"I am involved with the theater at school because when I go to college, I am probably going to minor in drama, although it will be more in the directorial part of the program," senior Pat Sanchez said.

With flair, many students have worked many long hours to make the productions here as great as possible. • ***Katy Ballas***



Trying to get a date in the fall play "The Odd Couple," junior Jacklyn Meza is surrounded by her admirers junior Craig Golbesky and senior J.D. Morales. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Practicing for his scenes in "The Wiz," the Tin Man, sophomore Jay Fields, jokes around with fellow cast members. • ***Joseph Durk***

Senior Stephanie Collins prepares herself for her part as a section of the yellow brick road in the spring musical "The Wiz." • ***Joseph Durk***

Dancing for the audience, sophmores Amanda Pirowski, Stephanie Sulcer, and senior Sydney Hodsden participate in the freedom from the witch scene in the spring musical "The Wiz." • ***Joseph Durk***.

saturday night DISPLAYS variety of talent

Variety Show introduces new people, as well as old, to stage

On one "Wild Night," full of "Makin' Whoopee" that included a "Brown Eyed Girl," people of all ages gathered in the auditorium to watch students perform.

No, this wasn't some illegal act brought on by student rebellion. This was the Variety Show and it included those songs, comedy routines, dancing and even a dramatic monologue.

There was a wide variety of talent showcased that night. To start the night off, the freshman band Tick-Dolly-Row performed two songs they wrote, as other performers, such as junior Pat Conway prepared backstage for his appearance on stage.

"I am happy I get to expose my music to the student body," Conway said. Conway was a bass guitar player in the band called Joe and His Traveling Circus Friends. The band performed Van Morrison's hit "Brown Eyed Girl."

Stepping aside to the other varieties, junior Megan Nelson sang the oldie "Makin' Whoopee" by Cole Porter from the musical of the same name as the crowd gave her catcalls when she spoke of the forbidden taboo. While sitting in the audience, Nelson's mom told her stepfather, "She's grounded, she's so grounded!" Repeatedly she said this as the singer wooed the crowd.

Nelson was one of the veterans of the Variety Show because she has performed all three years she has been in high school and said she will perform in the show her senior year as well. Nelson said the reason she picked the song was because "it's a good character role and I did the performance for Choraliers for my final."

With almost every angle of the spectrum of performing covered, from acting in a sketch to singing in a barbershop quartet, the Variety Show gave the audience just what the came to see, variety.

• ***Joseph Durk***

A quarter of the way into the Variety Show, the band Joe and His Traveling Circus Friends perform the song "Brown Eyed Girl." The song was made popular in the '60s by singer Van Morrison.

• ***Michelle Kniola***

Donning wigs and bras, seniors Mike Wall and Doug Samuel walk the platform to the music of Liza Minelli's "New York, New York." Almost every year at the Variety Show, a group of senior boys perform the routine, which is directed by Mr. Joe Stevens. • ***Michelle Kniola***

As senior Joe Hunt plays the role of the lady of the lake, he caress King Arthur's body, who is palyed by senior Gabriel Chaddock. The group performed the sketch from "Monty Python and the Search for the Holy Grail" along with another sketch from the same movie.
• ***Michelle Kniola***

In pairs, senior Kim Dudek, sophomores Stephanie Sulcer and Tiffany Stewart and senior Meaghan Husted perform a song in the form of a barbershop quartet. Stewart performed previously with the gymnastics team.
• ***Michelle Kniola***

With the audience quiet, sophomores Deanna Zych and Jay Fields sing a duet from the play "Les Miserables." The song the couple sang was "A Little Fall of Rain." • ***Michelle Kniola***

cigarettes: too easy to obtain?

With local vendors selling 'smokes' to students, crack down getting more difficult

With teen drug abuse on the rise again, parents often wonder where their children obtain these drugs. There is one drug that minors find it relatively easy to purchase in Portage. A drug that is illegal to sell to minors under the age of 18, however 71 percent of local stores that were checked were willing to sell cigarettes to minors.

> "It's no problem to get cigarettes here in Portage. Even if you can't buy them yourself, there's always someone who will buy them for you."
>
> ***Tricia Hedgepeth***
>
> ***Freshman***

Many students think that obtaining cigarettes is easy. Freshman Amber Durfee said, "Just about everyone I know who smokes can get them."

A recent study proved that of 14 local stores and teen hangouts, ten were willing to sell cigarettes to minors without proper identification checks.

Family Express was one of the four that refused to sell to minors. Manager George Halkias said, "Some of the kids look older than they are. It is easy to be fooled, but we do card them. It is ridiculous to have to ask a lady her age, but we do."

Some students believe that they are easier to get at certain types of stores. Junior Michael Delph said, "The easiest place to get them is at small gas stations and convenience stores."

Halkias believed just the opposite. Halkias said, "We have a very strict policy. We do not allow minors to come close to cigarettes."

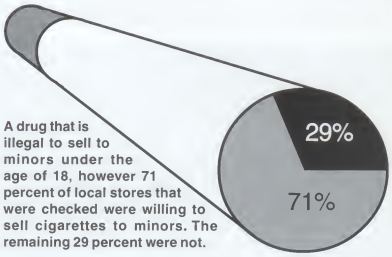
The police haven't taken any action on this issue yet. Officer Lisa Duncan of the Portage Police Department said, "Obviously it is a problem. We normally respond to complaints, but this is the first we've heard of it."

Other students thought that there were alternatives to buying cigarettes. Freshman Tricia Hedgepeth said, "It's no problem to get cigarettes here in Portage. Even if you can't buy them yourself, there's always someone who will buy them for you."

• ***Mary Green***

Fourteen local stores and teen hangouts surveyed

Ten local stores and teen hangouts willing to sell to minors



A drug that is illegal to sell to minors under the age of 18, however 71 percent of local stores that were checked were willing to sell cigarettes to minors. The remaining 29 percent were not.

search for signs of gang activity in portage

Students involved in shooting may help answer question of the community having gang problem

The question of a gang problem in Portage may have been answered after the Feb. 11 shooting which involved four students.

The students were alleged members of the gang 2-6 or the "Bunny Gangstas." Sophomores Kenny Dailey, Kris Lafoy and two freshman boys were arrested after shooting six bullets from two stolen guns at an alleged rival gang member. The guns were allegedly stolen from the house of a former student, Andy Cruz, who was also arrested in connection with the crime. Dailey, Lafoy and Cruz were being tried as adults.

Officer Lisa Duncan, the Portage Police Department Public Relations Director said the police department received a call that night at 8:27p.m. reporting gun shots being fired in the Osage and Oakwood area of Portage. Later that night, the five boys were arrested and charged with criminal gang activity, possession of stolen property, criminal wrecklessness, aiding criminal activity, dangerous handling of a weapon, illegal possession of a handgun, pointing a deadly weapon and theft.

Duncan stated that gang members in Portage were not the hardened criminal, career gangsters that may be in Chicago.

"Most of these kids only want to be in gangs and cause small problems, nothing large," Duncan said.

The Portage Police worked hard on cracking down on gang activity. The police put patrol cars in neighborhoods with suspected gang activity. The Portage High School administration also played a role in stopping the gang problem in Portage. Students who engaged in gang activity could be suspended or even expelled.

To help control gang activity in the schools, the Portage Township Schools joined with the Portage Police Department, Porter County Sheriff's Department and the Porter County Juvenile Probation Office. After this combination, Public Law 95 was enacted. This law stated that if a student is charged with anything that can be deemed as criminal gang activity on or off school grounds he/she will be expelled from school. In the case of these students, they were expelled for one calendar year.

> "We [the administration] feel that the student's removal is necessary to insure the safety of the students who do not involve themselves in this type of activity."
>
> ***Mr. Richard Kirchner***
>
> ***Principal***

Principal Richard Kirchner, along with the rest of the administration, wrote a letter to send to the parents of students suspected of gang activity. On the letter, there was a list of things the student was seen or heard about doing. This list included: using a "street" name, using gang language, signs and/or displaying graffiti, associating with known gang members, admitting he/she is a gang member, mimicking the actions and clothing of gang members, frequenting a gang area, or being identified by a reliable source as a gang member.

"We [the administration] feel that the student's removal is necessary to insure the safety of the students who do not involve themselves in this type of activity," Kirchner said. • ***Andrew Reed***

VraisedVoiceS

What are your ideas on a solution to the gang problems we have in school?

"I think that the school should have someone whose life has been affected in a negative way because of some gang activity, come in and speak to the students here at PHS."

Amy Matthew
Senior

"If they can't act like 'normal' people, than they don't belong here."

Ron Necco
Junior

"I think if you're involved in that stuff and harm anyone else with it, you should get the guillotine."

Jim Lucas
Sophomore

"They should stop acting like something they're not."

Michele Pickering
Freshman

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fda approves 'morning after pill'

With the contraceptive on the market, students voice their opinions on issue

Levlen
Four up to 72 hours afer sex
Four exactly 12 hours later
Peach pills

Lo/Ovral
Four up to 72 hours afer sex
Four exactly 12 hours later
White pills

Nordette
Four up to 72 hours afer sex
Four exactly 12 hours later
Light orange pills

Ovral
Two up to 72 hours afer sex
Two exactly 12 hours later
White pills

Tri-Levlen
Four up to 72 hours afer sex
Four exactly 12 hours later
Yellow pills

Triphasil
Four up to 72 hours afer sex
Four exactly 12 hours later
Brown, white and yellow pills

While the "morning after pill" had been available to women for more than a year, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved it for emergency use. The FDA also released information regarding the correct dosages for the six brands of pills that had been deemed safe for use as emergency contraceptives.

According to Planned Parenthood employee Shannon Smith, emergency contraceptives, known as the "morning after pill," were not actually in the form of one pill. Certain numbers of the pills, which were actually the same medication used in birth control, were taken in preset time sequences. The first set must have been taken up to 72 hours after unprotected sex. A second set of pills must have been taken exactly 12 hours later.

Gail Coons, a nurse practitioner who works at Obstetrical and Gynecological Associates Inc., said that this form of contraception was not the same kind of drug as RU-486, known as the abortion pill. The emergency contraceptives were taken after conception, but before the fertilized egg had implanted itself in the uterus. The pills worked in the same manner as birth control did, keeping the egg from implanting. RU-486 actually caused a disruption in the lining of the uterus, causing an already growing embryo to be expelled from the uterus.

The six brands of pills that had been approved are: Ovral, Nordette, Lo/Ovral and Triphasil from Wyeth-Ayerst and Levlen and Tri-Levlen from Berlex Laboratories. According to Smith, the Lo/Ovral pills were available at the Portage branch of Planned Parenthood. The cost of the pills varied according to the income of the buyer. More than one fee was also attached to the pills. First, a patient must have undergone a complete gynecological examination which could cost up to $73. She must have also paid for a pregnancy test to insure that she was not already pregnant from previous unprotected sex. A pregnancy test cost $10 at Portage Planned Parenthood. Finally, the package of pills cost $15. Just one set of eight pills could cost up to a total of $98.

> "If you don't want kids, you shouldn't have sex. That's all there is to it."
>
> ***Cathy Zielinski***
>
> ***Junior***

According to a pamphlet from Planned Parenthood, the drug had a few side effects, including nausea and vomiting which was sometimes severe enough to stop the pills from working.

Some students thought that the emergency contraceptives were a good idea as long as they were only used in emergency circumstances. Junior Abbey Kay said, "It is only good for a last resort. People shouldn't abuse it."

Other students thought that the drug was fine as long as restrictions were placed on its use. Junior Irene DeJesus said, "I think it's OK, but there should be an age limit." DeJesus thought that the drug could prove as an easy way out for younger kids. "It might convince kids to think sex is OK."

Other students were against the idea because of its moral implications. Sophomore Jay Fields said, "I disagree with it because I disagree with abortion. It sounds too much like abortion to me."

Some students had strong opinions regarding the entire issue of contraceptives. Junior Cathy Zielinski said, "If you don't want kids, you shouldn't have sex. That's all there is to it."

Regardless of its moral implications, the "morning after pill" gave women another option. • ***Mary Green***

During the Student Council's District One Conference on Feb. 22, in the West Building, juniors James Jacobs and Mary Brown and senior Kristin Zurcher construct a tower using only gum drops and toothpicks. The activity took place in one of the 10 workshops offered to other Student Councils in Lake, Porter, Newton and Jasper counties. • ***Joseph Durk***

haven't i seen 'ewe' before?

Recent advancements in technology send cloning from fantasy to reality, students voice opinions

Imagine walking down the street and seeing a complete picture. No, you didn't just pass a mirror store or one of those cameras hooked up to a TV. You just walked by your clone. Yes, *your* clone!

Earlier in the year, Scottish scientist Ian Wilmut and several of his colleagues shocked the world with the news that they had successfully made the world's first clone of a mammal.

The clone was of a sheep named Dolly, marking a new era of technology after 10 years of attempts that failed. The scientists had proved that since cloning sheep could be done, cloning humans was very well possible.

Since then, cloning was the hub of conversation about the world. The revolutionary process was the stuff of science fiction and when it became reality, debate over the ethics of cloning had been feverish.

> "If the technology fell into the wrong hands, someone could clone a bunch of Adolph Hitlers or some other psychopath."
>
> ***Matt Atherton***
>
> ***Senior***

President Bill Clinton, to the dismay of many scientists, banned federally funded cloning in the United States. The ethical ramifications of the issue of cloning were argued in churches, places of government and even the hallways of the school.

"It really could turn out to be a bad thing," senior Matt Atherton said. "If the technology fell into the wrong hands, someone could clone a bunch of Adolph Hitlers or some other psychopath."

Sophomore Sarah Thatcher agreed with Atherton that cloning may not be good for the whole of mankind.

Thatcher said, "It would destroy individuality and possibly even erase what makes us human." • ***Kevin Mikaloff***

raised Voices

Do you think cloning is morally right? Why or why not?

"Yes, because they could make a billion Jenny McCarthys!"

Todd Strom
Senior

"It will be the downfall of man."

Marcus Gilbert
Sophomore

"Human beings were meant to be individuals, not copies of one another. We are all unique and deserve to be so."

Cindy York
Senior

"No, I do no think it is morally right. I do not think man should be messing with mother nature."

Wendy York
Senior

compiled by Beth Duron

rest, RELAXATION finally arrives

Students, faculty, staff welcomed the long awaited spring break

Five, four, three, two, one; Spring Break has finally arrived! The student body and staff rush out of the buildings to greet the warm spring air and begin their long awaited vacations.

Although some students began their Spring Break early, missing a few days of school, others returned late from their vacations. Students spent their Spring Break vacations anywhere from tropical islands to the snowy mountains in Sweden, to working. "I went on a cruise to the Caribbean with my family. We travel a lot. I like hot places because it's so cold here," sophomore Piper Van Santen said.

For some students, Spring Break was a time to catch up with old friends. "I went to Utah, my best friend [Amy Washburn] moved out there, so I went there for 10 days. We went shopping and sledding in the mountains," junior Stephanie Smock said.

While on vacation some students attended schools where they had traveled. "I went to some of the accounting and science classes. I did the students labs. I also visited with one of the Spanish teachers. I spoke more Spanish with her than her students," senior Izzy Dejesus said. Dejesus went to South Dearborn High School in Aurora, Ind., to visit Kathy Green, his old adviser from a Student Council convention. "I had a $300 ticket to anywhere in the U.S. so I went to see her and stayed for five days. It was fun to see her because she was just diagnosed with cancer so this may be the last chance I'll get to see her."

Some students had to finish homework during break while French teacher Sue McPherson also had to grade papers. After her visit to Indianapolis with her family she returned home to catch up on some school work. "My niece is 20 months old so we went to the children's museum, the zoo and we shopped at Circle Center. Then, for the rest of break, I graded journals," McPherson said.

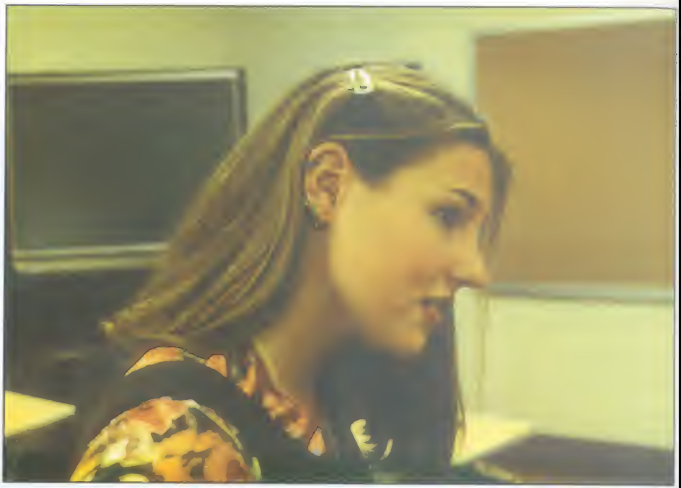
While some students and facility relaxed during Spring Break others were scheduled to work. "I worked in a health club, where I'm a masseuse," science teacher Yan Wolfman said. Teachers weren't the only ones to deal with work during Spring Break, many students also spent their vacation on the job. • ***Kathy Rea***

Sledding with friend Amy Washburn, junior Stephanie Smock laughs as she slides down a snowy mountain top in Utah. Smock visited Washburn because her family moved out there from their former Portage home last summer.

In Florida, senior Nicole Smith tosses a beach ball into the air. Smith went to Florida with senior Courtney Shebesh. Many students took vacations with their friends instead of their family.

Surfing at Daytona Beach in Florida, senior Andy Berger glides into the shore. Several students traveled to Florida for Spring Break to escape the cold weather at home.

Trying to maneuver his way around sharp corners and steep inclines, senior Brandon Miller rock climbs in Buffalo River, Ark. Miller went on his senior year Spring Break with junior Adam Woynaroski.



During her last year of high school, senior Nikki Floyd had six earrings in her right ear. Ear piercing was a more accepted form of body jewelry than other piercings. Many students were not allowed to wear certain types of body jewelry to work or other formal settings. • ***Joseph Durk***

Lifting up his sleeve, senior Matt Yoder shows off his tattoo of a bulldog. Animals and symbols with special meanings were often chosen to give body art a personal touch. The cost of receiving a tattoo could be higher than the cost of the ink and needles because the artist had to be paid for his or her time and experience. • ***Joseph Durk***

A celestial design adorns the shin of senior Fawn Tarne. She received this tattoo at the age of 16 because of her love for astronomy. The shin was a popular spot on the body for tattoos because they could be covered up or exposed as appearance required. • ***Joseph Durk***

making a STATEMENT with body art

Tattoos, body piercing were among tools of student expression

More and more students began to use needles to adorn themselves, either injecting ink into their skin or creating holes in their body for jewelry.

Though some people wondered why such body art gained popularity, its advocates stated their reasons simply.

"It feels good," senior Eric Wells said of his various body piercings. "It also adds to my appearance and makes me feel better about myself. I don't care about the attention."

Junior Adam Alaniz, who had a tattoo of the letter A and an eagle, agreed that appearance was a major factor in choosing body art.

"It looks neat, and I did it for the symbolism," he said.

Another consideration in choosing body art was the cost.

Tattoos varied in price depending on the size and complexity of the work as well as where it was done.

Body piercing also had a considerable price tag. Wells did not have to pay someone for the service because he did his own piercings but there were still costs involved in the process.

"The piercing needle costs $5 and jewelry ranges from about $5 to $50," he said.

Statements made by students through body art gained mixed reactions.

Wells said, "Some people like it and others are disgusted."

• ***Elizabeth Verbich***

With 25 piercings on his body, senior Tim Barich showed an appreciation for body piercing as an art form. Most wearers of such piercings insisted that they should only be done with a needle, which costed about $5. Having the service done by a professional was more expensive but possibly safer.

• ***Michelle Kniola***

memories that WILL LAST a lifetime

Prom brings memories of friends, fun, laughter

Walking through the colorful array of streamers, couples are greeted by the bright light of the camara. A couple enters through the entrance, streamers in mouth, as they hear their names announced.

The night for fun and laughter, friends and dancing. A night for loving or for crying, as the case may be. But whatever the night, it is Prom night, which many students look forward to during the school year.

Some students went as friends or as couples, both of which had their own ups and downs.

One student who went with a friend was senior Stephanie McCaw. She said friends are better because, "You don't have to worry about your date running off with their friends."

Some students had opposite views. Junior Jennifer Sandage went with her boyfriend. She said she would rather go as a couple because, "That's one of the special things about Prom."

Some students will have the memory of being on Prom Court. During lunch hours, the student body nominated the court. From the final five that were chosen to be on Prom Court, one female and one male was voted on by their respective classmates. The King/Queen were seniors Stephen Kinder and Sydney Hodsden. The Prince/Princess were juniors Dan Barajas and Jill Finnerty.

A tradition was brought back to give students something to do after Prom. The event was called Post Prom and it was held from midnight to 6 a.m. Post Prom had many activities, including sumo wrestling and human bowling. Overall, most students thought it was a success. Most thought it should be held in the future years.

For the day after Prom, students were free to roam where they chose. Some went to the usual places like Great America and Turkey Run and some to Chicago.

Senior April Vandevender and her date went to the beach. She said she had a lot of fun because, "we had a picnic and laid on a blanket and watched the water."

As a couple or as friends, Prom was an experience had by all who went. Just as the theme implied, "Remember the Night." And all who went will, whether good or bad. • ***Genanne Voynovich***

While on the dance floor, seniors Kim Scheeringa and Lise Sarich deodorize each other. Many students brought extra personal items in case something went wrong. • ***Joseph Durk***

Seniors Sydney Hodsden and Steven Kinder dance together as the Prom King and Queen. The Prince and Princess was Dan Barajas and Jill Finnerty. The two couples were voted onto Prom Court by their fellow classmates. • ***Kathy Rea***

Filling out a picture order form, senior Jamie Eierman uses the back of senior Bryan Conger. Students had the choice between three backgrounds along with the color that they wanted.

Big black hair, barely there "undies" equals a Sumo Wrestler. Senior Nick Rajski tries to get up to get away from junior Matt Crizer in the midst of a battle. Post Prom was a tradition that was brought back to give students something to do after Prom. Activities ranged from sumo wrestling to humanbowling.

what the FUTURE holds

OYM, Jr. Miss participants receive college scholarships

He flexed his muscles, she did her dance. He strutted his stuff and she performed her routine. These people were participants in the Outstanding Young Man and Junior Miss competitions.

Junior Miss was an activity that junior females were able to participate in with other girls. It consisted of a fitness routine, presence and composure, scholastic achievement, creative and performing arts and a judges interview.

Junior Miss originated in 1958 and was a nationwide scholarship competition for high school junior girls. In 1996, graduate Kaimi Blaha won and followed by her was senior Nikki Floyd.

Some girls decided to go out for Junior Miss because it was fun to be with their friends. Senior Megan Edmonds said she went out because, "...the girls who competed the year before said it was so much fun." Edmonds won the Spirit Award, although she did not realize it at the time, because "there were three Megan's in the competition."

Senior Cristina Chandler would advise future contestants: "Go out and have fun no matter if you have a good talent or not."

Outstanding Young Man was a program for senior guys to "be themselves," senior Nathan Mundt, the 1997 Outstanding Young Man, said.

OYM was also a program for senior males who were involved in their community and school. The contestants were judged on academics, a physical segment, a casual segment, presentation and address and a judges' conference.

The awards for the winners ranged from the Portage 1997 Outstanding Young Man to Good Guy Awards to Physical Segment Awards. Awarded to all finalists was a YMCA membership ranging from one month to a year and cash scholarships among other prizes.

Reflections and remarks were made by graduate Alan Washburn, former Outstanding Young Man, via video. During the presentation, senior Mike Wall said he thought, "That is a tough act to follow, because he is a very talented person."

Senior Tom Taylor added, "His choice of lifestyle deserves a lot of respect." Taylor, who won the "Good Guy" award, said he would remember just hanging out with friends.

Mundt would say to future contestants, "Try out. Even if you do not win anything, it will be one of the best experiences of your life."

• *Genanne Voynovich*

Performing to "Macho Man," senior OYM participants show what they are made of. There were six winners of the fitness routine, who were seniors Jordan DeHaven, Izzy DeJesus, Phil Frechette, Jeremy Lewis, Ryan McGuffey and Tim Pirowski. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

At the Oustanding Young Man program, senior Samantha Hodsden performs a routine. She performed the same routine at Jr. Miss, which she won first runner-up. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Presenting senior Nathan Mundt with the medallion is Mr. Joe Stevens. Mundt won a $1,200 scholarship along with many other prizes. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Sitting down are the winners of the 1997 Outstanding Young Man program. The 1997 OYM winner was Nathan Mundt along with Mike Wall (third finalist), Carl Buergler (second finalist), Doug Samuel (first finalist), and Izzy DeJesus (fourth finalist). • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

making a bigger PORTAGE to offer variety

Widening streets, putting up buildings signal progress in town

A long time ago, in a small town, there was a cornfield. Twenty five years later, that cornfield became the site of the Portage Nine.

On the northeast side of Countyline Road and Route 6, there were 74 acres of non-developed land that were intended to be used as a residential area. But recently, Carey DePalma of Culver, Ind., purchased this land to be used for commercial purposes. It was rezoned for future construction.

"I believe that the added stores will be great for Portage. Now we won't have to go all the way to Hobart or Merrillville to see a movie or find a restaurant," senior Sydney Hodsden said.

That added to the congestion on Route 6, which was all ready widened between County Line Road and Willowcreek Road. But because of this construction, Route 6 may have to be widened all through Portage to accommodate the traffic. Which, according to Pam Detterline from the city planning commission, will be much heavier than it is now.

These new businesses not only add to the congestion in Portage, but also created many new job opportunities for local residents and students. Portage is slowly growing from the small town it once was to a booming city, filled with many stores to cater to the residents.

"It is about time that Portage expanded and places are actually close to home," senior Bryan Conger said. • ***Missy Bedroya***

Located on Route 6, the Portage Nine offers Portage residents a chance to see the latest movies without having to leave the city. The Portage Nine was the first movie theater Portage has had in more than 20 years. • ***Joseph Durk***

The construction of Wal-Mart and McDonald's are just two of the dozen or so changes to take place on Route 6. McDonald's was projected to be completed by June, while Wal-Mart may not be completed until 1998. • ***Joseph Durk***

The Portage Boys & Girls Club is located behind Willowcreek Middle School. By providing children and teens with a place to hang out, they tried to live up to their motto "The club that beats the streets." • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

The expansion of Willowcreek Road from Route 6 to Stone Avenue caused many business entrances to be blocked. Because this project created longer commutes, many drivers opted to take an alternate route if possible. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Next door to the Medical Surgical Center, Gariup Construction began building the Portage Community Hospital. The hospital was projected to be completed in August of 1998. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Giving his speech as the Valedictorian of the class of '97, senior Joe Hunt speaks of some of his experiences during his high school years.

taking turns ON ROAD of life

Graduates face new obstacles in way of their dreams

Their palms begin to sweat as they look at the vast size of the crowd. The stage seems as if it is a neverending trail. But the trail does end--at graduation.

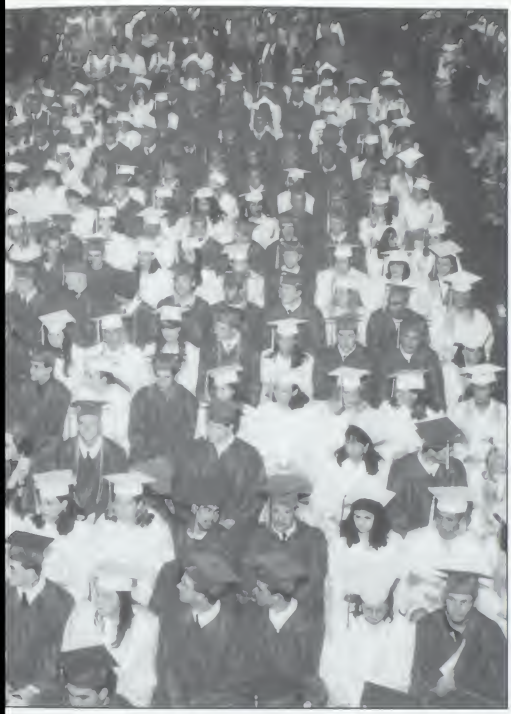
Graduation took place on June 6 and was held inside the gymnasium due to a rainy weather. The valedictorian was Joseph Hunt and Cyndi Hatala was the salutatorian. Hunt spoke of an experience he had two weeks previous to graduation. In his speech he talked about his experience with a fawn and how it made him realize that in life people need to be curious.

Hatala also gave a speech as well as Mr. Lowell Johnson giving the commencement address.

Giving the last speech, Senior Class President Steve Kinder concluded before the diplomas were distributed. His speech was centered on the focus of entering and his fears of high school.

While walking down the halls after graduation, one could hear the saying of so many seniors, "I cannot believe it's over."

• ***Genanne Voynovich, Joseph Durk***



As the commencement ceremony continued members of the graduating class waited as the diplomas were handed out.

Mr. Lowell Johnson, in his last year as an assistant principal, gives a speech at commencement.

Accepting his diploma, senior Juan Hinojosa shakes Mr. Terry Levenda's hand. Commencement was held in the gym because of inclement weather.

Filing into the gymnasium for the ceremony, the graduating class is greeted by friends and family

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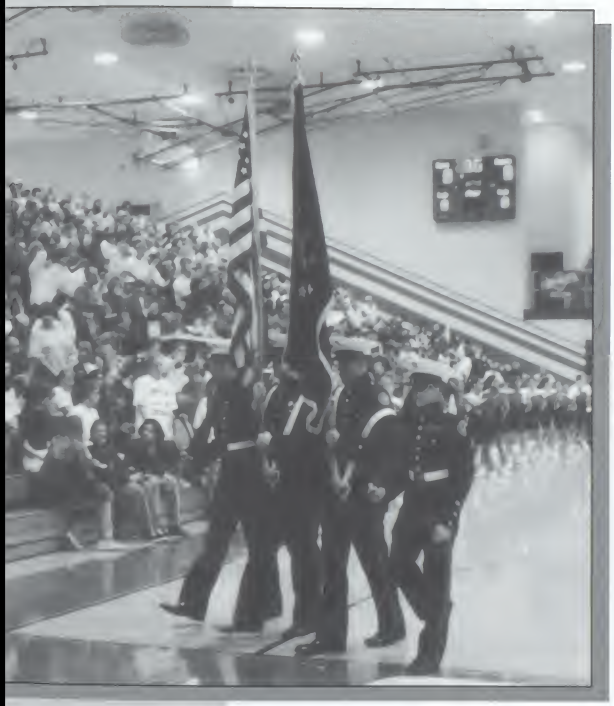

Exiting from the gym with flags, JROTC members end their salute to the American Flag, which also included "The Star Spangled Banner." Students could join the JROTC program just by signing up for it, but if they wanted to continue in the program in following years, they had to have a signature from the major. JROTC also hosted a drill meet that invited area programs March 1.

• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

While many students walk around school, some congure in the Commons and absorb the diversity of school life.

Commonly Diverse

A dourned with red carpeting and brick columns, many students gathered in the center of the school before, during and after school whenever possible. Some say it was for a place to hang out, others say it's where you could go to let your troubles escape. Whatever the case, students found refuge in the school spirited gathering place known as the Commons.

The Commons was built for the purpose of letting students have a "common" place to hang out before school, at lunch and afterschool. It also was a place where meetings could take place, as well as rehearsals and dances when the rest of the building was constructed in 1979.

Some students found it as a refuge to hangout in.

"It's just a fun place to hangout with my friends. I mean, everyone goes there," senior Andy Berger said.

A major issue that threatened the Commons was the fact that month by month and year by year, diverse cliques were forming and separating the hall into divisions.

If one has ever watched the '80s blockbuster "The Breakfast Club," most every clique is represented in the school from the movie. There were the "jocks," "prom queens," "nerds" and "basketcases," yet they didn't intermingle that often. In all the different areas of the hallway, one could see how the cliques were separated and spread out by the big, brick columns.

Some students gave their comments by saying how ridiculous

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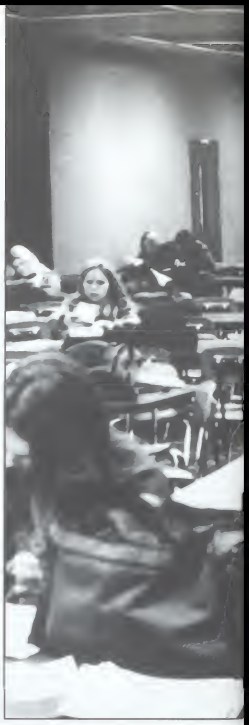

While in her afternoon Art Workshops class, senior Amanda Palmateer puts together a photo montage of magazine pictures. Throughout the course of a student's life in high school, one could choose from a wide variety of fine arts classes, from jewelry to drawing. In all, there was a total of 41 fine arts courses a student could take, which is a big spectrum to the two credits of fine arts one needs to graduate. • ***Shaun Simmons***

Working on their homework or sleeping the minutes away, sophomores through seniors congregate in the South Cafeteria for study hall. Contrary to popular belief in the movies and on television, study hall was much more different in reality. One could not walk around without permission or talk to friends. • ***Shaun Simmons***

"The Commons is just a really fun place to hang out with friends."

Senior Andy Berger

Just after taking attendance, Mr. Tom Levandowski preps his students for exercise in his third hour gym class. Gym was required to graduate, as well as what seemed to be a good time to exert some energy, stress and frustrations that came with being a teenager. Seniors needed four credits of gym to graduate, while all other grade levels needed just three. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Working as a teacher's assistant (TA) in Main Office B, junior Angel Rodriguez sits in secretary Mrs. Carol Ann Wolfe's desk during third hour. At the beginning of the year, their was a controversy over whether or not the school should have the student aids because of mishaps and problems in the past, but Mr. Lowell Johnson said, "If it wasn't for you guys (TAs), this school couldn't run!" One of the new rules was that TAs could not walk together in the halls.
• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Meeting in the Commons after eating, sophomore Scott Wilson and seniors Amy Erway and Lindsey Klisiak talk about their plans. The Commons was a place that most everyone went through at least once a day. Mr. Dennis Norman said that in all his years of teaching, he could never recall a time when there wasn't even just one person in the hall.
• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Forming what will soon be a work of art, senior Sydney Hodsden pushes the peddle just the right way as her bowl begins to take shape. In the ceramics class, students made a variety of novelties, including vases, bowls, ashtrays and anything else their minds could think of. By using the potter's wheel, one's envisions took shape right before their very eyes.
• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Putting the final touches on his clay pig, senior Rich Ramos makes sure everything is perfect. Ramos, along with almost 50 other students, took the sculptures class that was offered. To be in sculptures, one must have been in Art Foundations or Art Workshops to even be considered for the class. After their work was done, student's work could have been displayed in the annual art festival and maybe even win an award for their work of art. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

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tudents were.

"It is ridiculous. Some people can't even accept who others are just by the way the dress," senior Nikki Floyd said. "It's funny is what it is."

One student put in a more serious manner.

talk with each other because if that happened, there could've been confrontations. He said he just walked around the hallways with his buddies and talked basketball.

Every year, a new set of people walked in the doors and with that

Diversity

"The diversity is one aspect of PHS that can be recognized anywhere," senior Mignon Montpetit said. "I'd like to see the student body as a whole instead of special interest groups."

Some students said that everything would be fine so long as those cliques didn't cause any trouble.

Junior Ethan Kallio said he didn't see any problem with the fact that so many groups didn't

came a new set of unique qualities and customs that people carry with them. They came to the Commons to let those qualities run loose with the other people that shared those ideals, their friends. Pictures of the past show of how many students gathered in the Commons in the cliques of yesteryear.

Some teachers remember the

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Talking with a student about their past records in attendance, attendance officer Mrs. Lynette Dean signs passes for students out of their classes. If one wanted to sign out, they must either have a note from their parents or have the attendance office call their parents. And even though a student may be 18 and "legally" an adult, if they still lived at home with their parents, they still must have the parent's consent. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Going in close for the picture, senior Jeff Marrs works on his homework during his class period. Marrs, along with 10 other students, was part of the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) program in which they were taught by their teachers, as well as peer tutors who were simply classmates. The LRE program provided academic instruction, as well as social integration for students with moderate or severe disabilities. One could become a peer tutor just by having the responsibility and the time in their schedule with their study hall. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

"I hardly ever go into the Commons in the morning because I just barely make it to school."

Senior Stephanie Sandor

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ommons how it was years ago.

Senior English teacher Mr. Dennis Norman said that the Commons has always been about letting the students go somewhere to be themselves. He said he could never recall a time when there wasn't even one student standing in the hall. He said it was even

through the multi-cultural year.

While the Commons was in the center of the school, the first floor encompassed many other aspects.

When talk of block scheduling was heard, a minor issue of eliminating physical education was a controversy to some teachers, those who taught in the gym.

Diversity

that way in Jungle Hall in the old high school.

While many students gathered there in the mornings, some strayed out there during lunch and some even stayed late after school to meet a friend for a ride home, the Commons proved to be more than a hallway, but a breeding ground for diversity that encompassed more than 2,500 students

Physical education teacher Mr. Bill Wilke said it would be completely wrong, especially for a school this size. "Look at it like this, one third of the first floor is used for athletics."

After all the controversies and debates, the first floor seemed to be a popular place to hang out or voice your opinions. • ***Joseph Durk***

Talking with Mrs. Jennifer Graves, Principal Mr. Richard Kirchner stops by to see how well things are going in the nurses clinic. New to the high school, Graves was the registered nurse practitioner for the teen clinic. "The clinic was developed ... for kids to be treated for illness and be able to stay in school without losing their days," Graves said. She also compared the teen clinic to a "high school doctor's office." • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Working in the Media Center as a teacher assistant, junior Chris Rodgers signs passes back to class. The Media Center helped many students during the year in such areas as term papers and literary reports. • ***Courtney Pierce***

During her English class, Mrs. Jill Redmond talks with Mrs. Barbara Blake over a paper. Being that Redmond was a sophomore English teacher, she incorporated assignments like poetry and a resume into her classes. • ***Courtney Pierce***

Slaving away on his term paper, senior Kevin Harding spends another hour in the Computer Lab in room 227. Sometimes with all the computers turned on in the room, it could reach to a temperature of 95 degrees. • ***Courtney Pierce***

During her third hour plan period, Mrs. Barb Mason grades papers for her Humanities class. Mason was the head of the English department and taught only senior courses. • *Courtney Pierce*

Being stuck in the middle is like being between a rock and a hard place with nowhere to go.

In the Middle

"Marcia, Marcia, Marcia!"

Remember when Jan Brady hated being in the middle of the three sisters on the "The Brady Bunch" and always complained about her bigger sister, Marcia? Well, that's how some students feel about the second floor.

"I'm never on the second floor because all my classes are on the first and third floors," senior Jenna St. Julien said. "My locker is even on the third floor."

One student spoke for several others by saying it was better to have a locker on the second floor.

"My original locker is on the third floor, but I gave it to my brother who's a freshman. I share my boyfriend's locker which is on the second floor," junior Angie Gutierrez said.

Most of the classes taught on the middle floor are English, social studies and speech. There was only one math course and one foreign language class, Latin, on this floor.

Some of the teachers on the second floor have been teaching since the building was erected in 1979, such as government teacher Mr. Ron Hancock.

Junior English teacher Mrs. Patti Benson said she's always been on the second floor, except when she used to be a substitute

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"It's good the Media Center is on the second floor because it's got easy access."

Junior Angie Gutierrez

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teacher when she was sometimes on every floor.

While on the second floor, the climate was different almost everyday. On Monday, it could've been too hot and the following day, one may wear the layered look and still be too cold. Most of the people said that the weather was very unpredictable.

"There are times when it is too cold, there are times when it is too hot and there are times when it is just right," Mrs. Linda Hicks, media specialist, said.

However, some thought there were times when it just got unbearably hot there.

"It could get pretty hot up there because of all the computer's being turned on and all the classes that went in," Mrs. Patricia Moyers, computer lab assistant, said. She also said that other teachers had spoken to the administration about the problem.

With that in mind, one could walk down the hallways and see the energy coming from students as they gathered around their lockers in the morning.

Junior Katy Ballas said, "It's [second floor] a 'happy medium!'" • ***Joseph Durk***

Middle

During her English 12 course second hour, Mrs. Tammy Minks and her class read their literature for more information about the world around them. Sustained Silent Reading, or SSR, was every Thursday at the beginning of second hour. Students were only supposed to be reading, not doing homework or sleeping. SSR was especially enforced by the English teachers, such as Minks, because students could get ahead in their reading adventures. • ***Courtney Pierce***

"I'm never on the second floor because all my classes are on the first and third floors."

Senior Jenna St. Julien

Surfing the Web, Mrs. Arlene Kramer helps a student log onto the Internet in the Media Center. The Internet was installed at the school in the summer of 1994. To use the Information Superhighway, a student had to have an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) on file. The AUP consisted of a parent/guardian signature for those under 18 as well as a teacher sponsor. • ***Courtney Pierce***

Working on a project for Mrs. Cathy Jacob's third hour Bible Literature class, seniors Brianne Lee, Jacki Mrak and Cheryl Mullin work in their separate groups to accomplish the task on time. Bible Literature was not required to graduate, but many seniors took the course as an alternative elective to Humanities.
• ***Courtney Pierce***

In front of his 7/8 Biology 2 class, Mr. Henry Looft lectures to his students. After students took chemistry, they had the option to either take Biology 2 or Physics. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Sky High...

Picture walking up 48 stairs just to reach your locker. Imagine you leave your class at West eight minutes early and you're still late to class.

All because your science class is on the third floor.

Even starting soccer player junior Katy Ballas was slightly winded after making the trip to Mr. Yan Wolfman's Physics class in 319. "My legs are in pain if my book bag is full, which it usually is. Chop it [third floor] off and put it in the parking lot, then it would be easier to get to," Ballas joked.

Even though many students hated walking up the stairs, some thought it was a great floor for their lockers.

Junior Corey Miles said, "I have my locker on the third floor and it is the best place to have it because the school is very accessible from the third floor, especially for the upper classmen who have classes on the second and third floors."

A variety of subjects were found on the third floor, including foreign languages, math, science and

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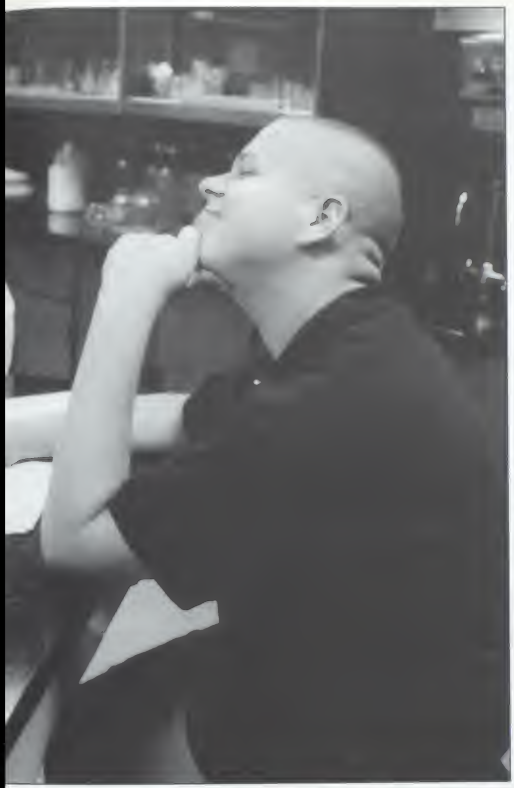
> Junior Katy Ballas



Listening to his science teacher, junior Joseph Winicky takes notes at his lab table. In many science rooms, students sat at lab tables instead of desks to put the students in more of a scientific atmosphere.
• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

In the math office, Mr. Steve Bartos takes time during his lunch to help in the math lab. Although Bartos taught Geometry and Alegbra, he was available to help students at any math level.
• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

In Mr. David Masty's 7/8 Chinese class, sophomore Jackie Frechette practices writing her name. During the year, the students made name chops out of erasers. Name chops were stamps of the students' names in Chinese that were used to identify their work.
• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

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omputer classes. Foreign language classes had several new programs and organized a trip to the Concordia Language camps in the summer. Mrs. Sue McPhearson's student teacher from Valparaiso University, Miss Erin Core, said "I was a camper for four years and last year I was a counselor. The camp bombards you with the language making the learning fun."

Every foreign language teacher also had his/her own computer and VCR in their rooms that they used to further the learning in the math lab for help because math in today's world is becoming very difficult, and with courageous teachers such as Mrs. Mary Sparacino and Mr. Charles Tomes, the math generation gap is minimized to its simplest form."

The fluctuation in temperature, brought about many complaints from the staff and students alike.

Senior Beth Sabin said, "The third floor is never a perfect temperature it is always either too cold or too hot. It is hard to study when it's cold because my hands

... Miles Away

new textbooks.

McPhearson said, "I really like the new french books because they focus on functions [conversations] and less on grammar and spelling."

The math department had provided a new math lab where students could go for help during their study halls if they were having problems with math. They could also go to play math games or help other students.

While in the math lab during her third hour study hall junior Kathy Ostrander said, "I go to the get stiff and I get tired."

Sophomore Christina Schmal agreed by adding, "It is hard to concentrate when it is so hot."

Fire drills from the third floor were scary to some people. "Fire drills are hard because if it is ever real, I swear we're gonna burn, having to wait for the other floors to get out first," sophomore Kellie Glans said.

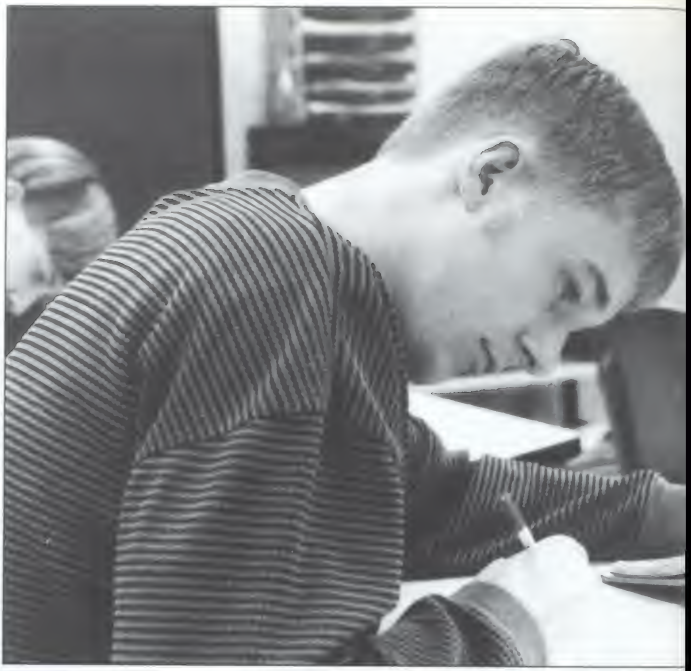
Despite all the complaints students had with the third floor, senior Stacy Durr said jokingly, "It's a hassle but there's a great view from up there." •***Kathy Rea***

> "The third floor is never a perfect temperature, it is always too cold or too hot."
>
> Senior Beth Sabin

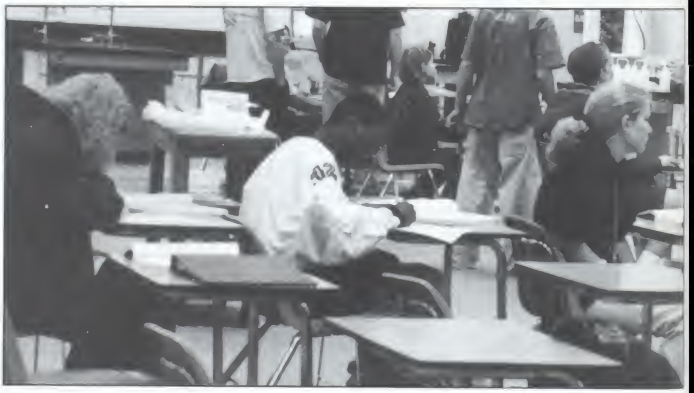
In the math lab, Mr. Joe Sparacino helps sophomore Heather Broadway with her math assignment. All the math teachers helped out in the math lab when they could. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Seniors Becky Easton, Bryan Hunt and Joe Hunt work as student aides in the science office.When teachers did not need their aides, they were permitted to work on their homework. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

In his computer class, freshman Jason Martinez works on his typing skills and practices writing on an outline. In keyboarding classes, students learned how to type faster and properly write different types of papers. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***



During 5/6 hour, senior Jeff Fain works on a worksheet for Mrs. Heidi Babcock's World Geography class. Many students took World Geography to fulfill honors diploma requirements. Although the class was at West and the majority of the students enrolled in it were freshman there were often sophomores, juniors and seniors enrolled, too. • ***Courtney Pierce***



In Mr. Mark Harsha's third hour Bio-chem tech prep I class, freshman Gary Williams works on answering questions in his book. Bio-chem tech. prep I was a one semester class in which the students then went into Bio-chem tech. prep II in the second semester. • ***Courtney Pierce***

Just as pioneers traveled west in search of a new life, freshman travel to the West Building to begin a new era of education: high school.

Traveling West

For some students, the transition from middle school to high school was rough. "It was scary. I didn't know where my classes were," freshman Sandra Caudilla said.

Meeting people who were different from you and others who you liked and disliked was yet another dilemma students and faculty alike faced at West. "Some of the students are nice, but some can be jerks," freshman Peggy Ohmann said.

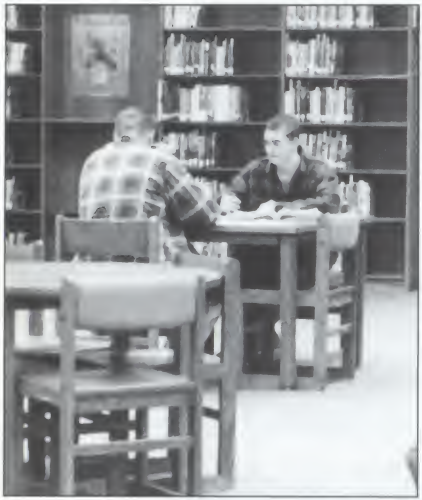
Junior Stephanie Smock agreed, "The majority of the freshman aren't bad, but [Principal Richard] Kirchner shouldn't lecture us [the upperclassmen] about what the freshmen have been doing wrong. He needs to talk to those involved."

Other problems some freshman faced were disciplinary. Freshman Mike Szentesy added, "There are too many gangs, that's all it is." ***continued on page 54***

Talking to two of his students, Mr. Richard Mason explains why their behavior was inappropriate. Often times if students got out of hand, the teacher had the option to PL/1 them or send them to the office.
• *Courtney Pierce*

During his World Geography class, freshman Jason Ritter watches a short film. His teacher, Mrs. Heidi Babcock, showed many films to her students to enhance their learning. • ***Courtney Pierce***

Two students study together in the West library. Students were allowed to go to the library during their study hall if they had a pass and followed the library rules. • ***Courtney Pierce***



Recording grades for the first nine weeks, Mrs. Heidi Babcock works during her 5/6 World Geography class. Babcock taught American Studies and World Geography classes. • ***Courtney Pierce***

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Being separated from east had its ups and downs. Some students complained about how the way lunches were served at the two buildings.

"People from the other building can go more places during lunch," freshman Jeremy Goins said.

Having to cross between buildings had it's share of controversy surrouding it. "We have enough time," Smock said.

Traveling West

should be able to eat here and vice versa," Caudilla said.

However, since the two buildings have existed the classes have eaten separatly.

"At East, you get more freedom,

However, some students who had to go from the third floor to West feel they didn't have enough time.

"It's crazy, everyone is rushing

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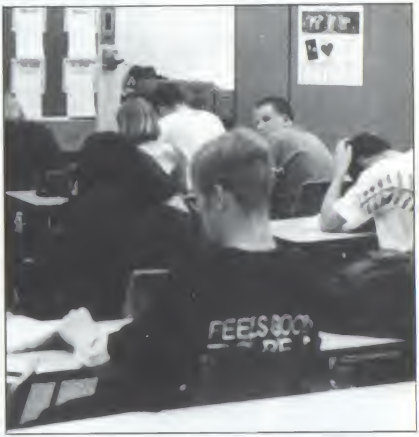
While at lunch at West, freshman who get done eating early often hang out in front of the office. The administration placed benches to add to the students enjoyment before, during and after school. • ***Courtney Pierce***

Two students turn the corner from A hall at West into the main hallway. Many students walked each other to their classes so they could talk about the days events. Sometimes, talking with friends could have led to being late to class and getting a tardy. When a student reached three tardies, a note was sent to the main office. The fourth and fifth tardies included Saturday classes while the sixth, seventh and eighth tardies earned suspensions. • ***Courtney Pierce***

Freshman congregate in the hallway before school, getting ready to face another day. Some students arrived early to school to catch up on homework or to spend time with their friends. When a student got to school, the vending machines were open, as well as having doughnuts being sold for hungry students that skipped breakfast. • ***Courtney Pierce***

Students at West are permitted to use the pay phones during lunch, before and after school. There are two pay phones available to students located at the front of the West building. • *Courtney Pierce*



In his third hour Biology class, Mr. Bob Mattix gives a lecture on birth defects while his students take notes. After students took Biology, they had the option of taking Chemistry or Biology II. • *Courtney Pierce*

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When the extreme temperatures set in the amounts of complaints surrounding the walk way rise. "In-close the walkway. If you look in it, it is ready to be enclosed because it has lights and vents all it needs is walls," Smock said.

"Having to walk between buildings is good and bad. I do get cold though," freshman Bret Gnat said.

"I have two classes at East and it's awesome because of the girls," freshman Chad York said.

A variety of classes were found at West, not only for the freshman, but the upperclassman as well. "There are good teachers at both schools," Smock said.

"I like the teachers here better than middle school. They treat us like adults," freshman Mike Szentesy said. • ***Kathy Rea***

Traveling West

Getting some extra help, freshman Sarah Pavlin speaks with teacher Mrs. Mary Sparacino. Sparacino volunteered to work in the math lab. • *Theresa Lavendusky*

Guidance Helps

Tutors can help students to succeed in classes

When students were struggling in life with either school problems or life in general, the guidance department helped those students find direction.

"The last thing we want is for a student to drop a class, because we want them to be successful in whatever they choose to do," said guidance counselor Mrs. Sheila Parker.

Students came into the guidance office daily to seek help with courses they found difficult. Parker commented, "When a student comes in and says, 'I need help, I don't want to drop (the course) but I really need help,' I'm really proud of them."

Staff members devoted more of their time to providing extra help to those students who requested it.

Mrs. Debra Heitmann said, "Our teachers are very good about helping students."

Mr. James Snyder agreed. "Our No. 1 recommendation is that they contact the teacher of the class," he said.

The guidance office had other options for students, as well. A lot of it depends on what the student is willing to do," Snyder said.

To help students with math, there was a math lab during most study halls study tables after school on Wednesday, Honor Society peer tutors, and Mrs. Donna Broome, who had an office for tutoring students right in the guidance office.

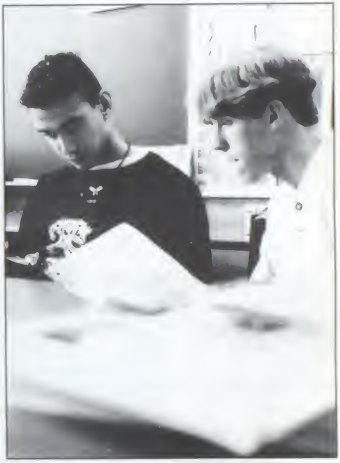
"Mrs. Broome is our prize down here in guidance," Parker said. Broome tutored students after school and in study halls. "A lot of times I'm more of a shoulder to lean on," she said. Students often requested her help in math. "I don't understand a lot of it in class, and she's [Broome] really helped me with it," sophomore Julie Stevenson said.

Senior Paul O'Donovan also found her helpful. "Sometimes I get the numbers mixed up in my head and she helps me reverse it," he said. • ***Jeremiah Newhall***

Filling in for Mrs. Sara Lux, Mrs. Kathy Shrader looks over a file with senior Nathan Mundt. Shrader was a math teacher before filling in for Mrs. Sara Lux for the year. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

> "They are very nice and helpful people in guidance."
>
> Sophomore Candice Williams

Sitting in her office in the Guidance area, Mrs. Donna Broome speaks with a student. Broome tutored students during the day. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***



While in the math lab, senior EZ Olmo gets some help from fellow senior Ryan Richmond. The math lab was open during most study halls. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Working under a Ford truck, Mr. Jon Soliday watches as his pupil makes a precision adjustment. In the Auto Mechanics class, students worked for three hours. • ***William Busch***

While all students had numerous opportunities to further their education with vocational classes, some students took the advantage, such as this student in Auto Mechanics. Using both a textbook and practical experience, the class covered the basic workings of an automobile. • ***William Busch***

While vocational courses were offered to all, some students found it better to take them than to neglect them.

Vocational Helps

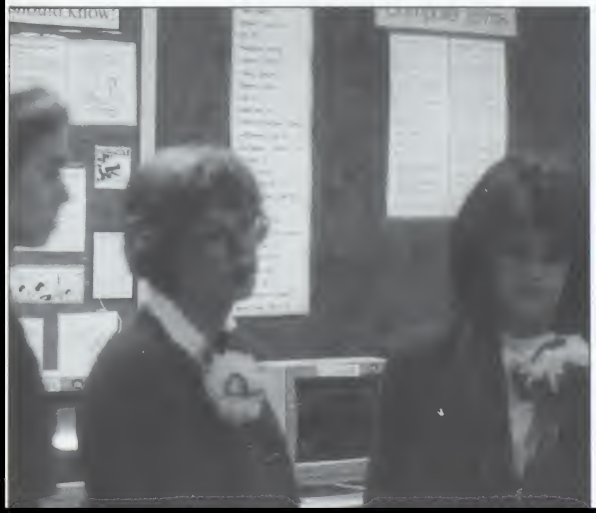
With either going to the opposite side of town or just walking down the hall, many students found they could better their education by taking a vocational class that helped them for the future.

Though some of the courses were on campus, such as dental and printing, the building trades classroom was held at Willowcreek Middle School, as well as the automotive courses.

The vocational printing class, as well as all other vocational classes, met for three hours at a time and was a five day a week class. Some compared the vocational classes as a simple form of block scheduling.

"It's [vocational] a lot different than other classes because we meet for a three hour time block, for five days a week. You could even go to call it a form of block scheduling," Mr. Mark Fischer, vocational printshop teacher said.

With many different varieties of vocational classes to choose from, students found a way to further their education and prepare them for the career they might just go into. • ***Joseph Durk***



"I want students to really learn, instead of only working."
Mr. Mark Fischer

Getting assistance in the computer lab, senior Machelle Trosper and Mrs. Jill Milteer work together as Mrs. Patricia Moyers stands by to answer a question. Milteer taught Accounting and Business Enterprises throughout the year. To get into Business Enterprises, one must have Accounting I as a prerequiste. • ***William Busch***

Dreaming away the hours, freshman Neil Sly commites one of the biggest no-no's of Saturday classes — sleeping. If Sly would have been caught sleeping he would have been assigned another Saturday class. • ***Michelle Kniola***

Reading a book, sophomore Paul Robertson studied for a test. The most common reason for having a Saturday class was for having four or more tardies to a class. • ***Michelle Kniola***

Doing her homework, freshman Sarah Alsman used the Saturday class to finish her weekend homework. Some students who do not have homework chose to read or write letters during the three-hour punishment. • ***Michelle Kniola***

It's like the old saying goes, "You do the crime, you do the time."

Doing Time

As insane as it may seem, it's Saturday morning and you're actually awake before noon. The prospect of going to school on Saturday was nauseating but you didn't have a choice. You had been summoned by a power much higher than yourself ... a principal.

Saturday class was a dreaded three-hour punishment that was used as an alternative to suspension.

Many students opted to take a swat instead of giving up three hours of their weekend.

"I would take one [swat]. Saturdays are supposed to be your day off of school. I would rather get it over with then waste a whole day," sophomore Christina Schmal said.

There were a number of ways to get a Saturday class or detention. The most common reason for Saturday classes were four or more tardies to a class.

Some other causes of being assigned a Saturday class were disrespect to a teacher or misbehaving during class. Because of these two cases, junior EJ Teso served somewhere between eight to ten Saturday classes and about four detentions.

Although detentions were not as severe as a Saturday class were, it still had a place on most students hate list. A teacher or administrator may have given a student a detention, but must have given that student at least a 24 hours notice. • ***Missy Bedroya***

"Saturday classes are too long and boring. You're just stuck there."

Sophomore Christina Schmal

Spending his Saturday morning at school, sophomore Craig Stafford tries to pass the time. Saturday classes were every week at the East Cafeterias. • ***Michelle Kniola***

Peer tutor junior Marcy Greer gives senior Nick Karris a helping hand in one of his classes. Peer tutors were assigned to one student for the whole semester. • *Theresa Lavendusky*

I joined because it gives a person a good feeling

Junior Marcy Greer

In gym class, senior Crystal Patrick plays table tennis with her peer tutor. The LRE program allows students with slight mental handicaps the opportunity to experience a normal school day. • *Theresa Lavendusky*

Junior Shane Kary receives help in one of his classes by his peer tutor junior April Cooros. Peer tutors were students that gave up a study hall to help the LRE department. • *Theresa Lavendusky*

A little assistance in the classroom can make a big difference to some students

Making a difference

While there are many students who do not need special assistance, there are some students who do.

The LRE (Least Restricted Environment) program has been in existence since the 1989-90 school year. This program was aimed at allowing students who were usually segregated to attend their home school. The program gave them the opportunity to participate in a schedule.

The program is designed for students with moderate mental handicaps. While attending the program they are given instruction in subjects such as math and English, as well as life skills like shopping and cooking.

The program is very non-restrictive, and is supported by both the administration and the school board. The LRE program was provided with items like a washer/dryer and stoves to help with the learning process. The program has been recognized by the state as an outstanding one. The program at Portage was organized by Mrs. Alicia Lasky.

The program relied heavily on peer tutors. Peer tutors are students who gave up their study hall to help one of the LRE students during one of their classes. "I joined because it gives a person a good feeling. You become friends with the student for whom you peer tutor," junior Marcy Greer said. Although being a peer tutor can be a rewarding experience it can also become a frustrating one. Sometimes the students who were being helped became a little hard to deal with and the peer tutors had to concentrate not to get upset with them.

However, peer tutoring can carry over into other parts of a person's life. Some students became peer tutors because they want to be special education teachers. Others, like sophomore Umera Malik, think that "Peer tutoring helps a person to become more tolerant of people, you can understand better what they go through."

Mr. Patrick Moody and Mr. Darryl Schultz were asked by the special education Co-op to coach a team in a program called Unified Basketball. The team consisted of four regular education students (helpers), and eight mentally handicapped students (athletes). The team played games against many types of teams, some at the same level and some with more physical handicaps and some with older players. The program, according to Mr. Patrick Moody "was very rewarding, and we are all looking forward to next years season."

• ***Katy Ballas***

Athletics

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With officials running to the basket, junior Corey Schnarr goes for the lay up in the game against LaPorte during winter Homecoming week. Portage lost that game by one point with score of 51-52. Schnarr played on the varsity team during the season, along with senior Andy Berger who broke the school record for most points scored in a game.
• *Theresa Lavendusky*

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Home		Opp
14	Lake Central	15
28	LaPorte	7
14	Merrillville	10
35	Crown Point	7
42	Michigan City	6
23	Hobart	31
28	Valparaiso	9
17	Chesterton	14
	Sectionals	
49	Crown Point	7
	Sectionals	
35	Merrillville	13
	Sectionals	
34	Valparaiso	0
	Regionals	
21	Penn	24

Season Record
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Freshman Football - Front Row: Glenn Trimble, Aaron Caylor, Nathan Gurski, Jim Oliver, Jason Shewmaker, Rob Tugurian, Alvino Jaime, Matt Krueger, Anthony Peete, Adam Fletcher, James Mills. **Row 2:** Coach Tim O'Shea, Dave Nava, Ben Kirish, Matt Erickson, Scott Riley, Frank Montoleone, Dennis Shea, Jay Ayala, Phil Beggs, Jeremy Robinson, Matt Welches, James Sullivan, Bryon Riley, Chuck McClelland. **Row 3:** Coach Jay Hodges, Eric Brown, Dusty Vrska, Mike Draves, Ruben Alicea, Zac Garner, Matt Francis, Brian Camp, Kevin Pulsoni, Don Hale, Matt Mahns, Adam Cleary, Coach Larry Tharp. **Back Row:** Tom Pappas, Mark McKim, Dan Lewis, Randon Lingenfelter, Curtis King, Jason Martinez, Chad Smolar, Shaun Connelly, Ed Piekarski, Eric McGhee, Tony Jones, Jordan Myers, Nick Webb, Jason Robbins, Allen Mirr, Keith Wisniewski, Fred Joseph.

Student trainer junior Jennifer Christian checks senior Ryan Bonner during a game to make sure he is not injured seriously. Often student trainers were asked to assist trainers Mr. Dan Merrill and Ms. Marnee Flynn. • ***Courtney Pierce***

Varsity and Junior Varsity Football - Front Row: Matt Anderson, Tim Lewandowski, Todd Griffey, Joe Tinnel, Charlie Greer, Johnny Lewis, Matt Yoder, Dave Torres, Josh Davis, Ryan Bonner, Pete Shaw, Phil Frechette, Jeremy Lewis, Jeff Knapp, Ryan Lang, Eric Reynolds. **Row 2:** Jed Mayes, Casey Hauswirth, Rick Newman, Anthony Sobczak, Eric Erway, Assistant Coach Dave Mattix, Junior Varsity Coach Jeff Smith, Assistant Coach Pete Turpa, Coach Craig Buzea, Junior Varsity Coach Terry Milner, Assistant Coach Ken Elwood, Junior Varsity Coach Steve Livingston, Matt Crizer, Ryan Korbar, Steve Scheier, Carl Buergler. **Row 3:** Kevin Goad, Tom Modesto, Nick Wayne, Johnny Bailey, Jeff Camp, Tom Johnson, Dan Gesmond, Joe Hall, Jaime McDowell, Tony Gallardo, Bob Richards, Aaron Branham, Josh Coppinger, Ryan McGuffey, Tony Ballor. **Row 4:** Manager Adam Scott, Manager Vance Carlin, Kris Replin, Dale Fancher, Andy Bradbury, Kevin McGuffey, Marc Samardzija, Tom Bialata, Tom Whiteside, Jeff Evans, Scott Misner, Jeff During, Chris Pauley, Nick Chapman, Joe Martus, Student Trainer Jennifer Christian, Trainer Dan Merrill. **Back Row:** Student Trainer Stephanie McCaw, Student Trainer Michelle Harman, Jessica Becke, David Fadely, Andy Jablonski, Bruce Campbell, Aaron West, Jose Torres, Doug Samuel, Mike Hill, Will Connors, Paul Torchia, Bryan Slatton, Audie Bailey, Paul Baum, Ken Dailey, Chris Smolnicky, Luke Fogle.

Football team unites on field to advance to Regionals

The sound of the whistle and screams from the fans erupt in the stands as the player decked out in his red and white jersey, caked with mud, leaps into the endzone, scoring the game winning touchdown.

Even though during times like these, the game may have appeared glamorous, but football wasn't all it seemed. From before the season even started, players looked forward to days of hard work, sweat, determination and memorizing plays. Old and new players alike, commenced their workout shortly after the previous season ended, lifting weights and running daily.

Many players became interested in playing football at an early age. "I've played forever; well, since I was 6 and in Pop Warner," senior Jeremy Lewis said.

However, some players didn't get started until middle school. "I've played since eighth grade, on the middle school team," junior Chris Replin said.

Many players look up to Coach Craig Buzea, who has been the coach for three years. "Buzea is more willing [than other coaches] to sit down and talk to you. He'd call us into his office and we'd just talk. He tried to get to know the players," Lewis said. Sophomore Nick Wayne agreed adding, "He's a players coach."

The football program deals with including everyone on the team in all events. "They [coaches] don't single anyone out, even the freshman work with the junior varsity and varsity teams during preseason conditioning," freshman Dennis Shea said.

Because the program involves everyone, more players participated early in the year. "There is no favoritism," senior Scott Misner said. Fans and players alike praise the program. "It is one of the best programs around here," Shea said.

The players not only grew to be better players but some also grew to be great friends. "We're a lot closer than last year," Lewis said. Being together for such a long period of time before the season even started helped the players work better together. "We are close on the field when we play, but we are separate [have different friends] off the field," Replin said.

Although the team received a lot of attention from fans, some players felt they deserved more coverage. "We had a lot of support through the announcements and fans. There wasn't much in the papers this year though, that was kind of disappointing," Shea said.

At a home game, on the line of scrimmage, the JV first string team tries to get through their opponents line of defense in order to score a touchdown. The JV ended its season with a 5-3 record. • *Courtney Pierce*

All the conditioning in the preseason and practice during the season payed off when the team advanced to Regionals. However, in the last quarter of the game Penn scored a touchdown and their hopes of winning state vanished.

"We had a great season. Next year, we'll be back!" junior Joe Martus said. • ***Kathy Rea***

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Home		Opp.
14	Lake Central	0
6	Merrillville	2
16	Crown Point	0
36	Michigan City	0
20	Hobart	6
28	Valparaiso	7
24	Chesterton	27

Season Record
5-3

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Home		Opp.
46	Lake Central	20
20	LaPorte	8
44	Merrilliville	8
27	Crown Point	6
24	Michigan City	8
26	Hobart	0
38	Valparaiso	0
12	Chesterton	6

Season Record
8-0

Girls Cross Country Makes It's Way To State Meet

ON THEIR WAY

The finish line is in sight and one lone runner is in the front. The two and a half mile race is almost over, signaling the end of a great race. With sweat dripping down her face, she collapses beyond the finish line.

Freshman Kristin Danskin has the look of confidence. Danskin's best time was 15:29 at the Manchester Invite. • *Theresa Lavendusky*

Among other things, concentration helped some runners achieve their personal best times. Junior Tessie Frechette said, "I try to concentrate and I try not to give up in races."

Many runners acheived their goals during the year. For some, that goal was the State meet and for others, it was to improve their form or to help the team more. For senior Leah Bodnar, her goal was to keep focused. "My main goal was to help the team every way that I could. I think I had a good season and our team changed so much. I think I achieved my goals." Bodnar tried to concentrate on form or pace. "I try to focus on the course because one time I got lost."

According to Frechette and Bodnar, the perks of the season were the bus rides home and staying in hotels, because it was the highlight of their day. Although the season was full of highs and lows, the girls pulled together and focused on a main goal — state. They acheived that goal by finishing third in the state.

For the seniors, there was no more high school cross country, but many acheived what they set out to do — make it to state. Bodnar, who moved from North Dakota, said, "It was really sad to end my cross country season away from home. I guess last year's end of the cross country season was harder for me, but I will definitely miss this team next fall."

• ***Genanne Voynovich***

Girls Cross Country - Front Row: Jackie Frechette, Stephanie Williams. **Row 2:** Carrie Rake, Stephanie Lowe, Elizabeth Munoz, Jeanine Ibrahim, Nikki Warwick, Natalie Fornari, Jamie Wolfe. **Row 3:** Coach Kristy Armoldt, Amber Reynolds, Katie Wampler, Ilsa Conover, Coach Jay White. **Row 4:** Tara Simmons, April Samuels, Dollie Boyle, Leah Bodnar. **Row 5:** Tessie Frechette, Amanda Palmateer, Kristen Danskin. **Back Row:** Candace Crockett, Korey Reynolds.

At a meet, Coach Kristy Armoldt talks to the girls to give them advice. While they took breaks, many of the girls drank plenty of fluids to replenish their energy. • *Theresa Lavendusky*

CROSS COUNTRY

Home		Opp.
46	Merrillville	17
	Penn Hokum Karem	
	second	
	Rebel Invite	
	fifth	
	Carmel Classic	
	second	
	New Prairie Invite	
	third	
	Culver Invite	
	third	
	Manchester Invite	
	second	
	Duneland Athletic Conference	
	second	
	Sectionals	
	second	
	Regionals	
	second	
	Semi-State	
	second	
	State	
	third	

Season Record

5 - 3

Trying to cross the finish line, junior Natalie Fornari runs alone. Fornari's best time during the season was 15:45 at the State meet.
• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Preparing for meets, the girls cross county team runs together as a group. The preparation paid off as the team finished third in state.
• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Boys Cross Country Runs Into State Meet

Racing with each other, freshmen Darryl Henson and Dan Nemeth try to get to the end. Henson ran cross country in middle school and said it wasn't too hard making the transition into high school. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

As the sun pounds down on top of him, the salty sweat rolls down his rosy cheeks which seem to be so heavy on his face. His exhausted legs start to give way under him, but determination forces him to realize the finish line is just yards away as he takes off for a mad sprint.

While some boys cross country runners complained about either how far they have to run or why they have to practice in the freezing cold, some runners accomplished their goals by practicing their hardest until the end.

"Our goal ... was to leave the State meet knowing we had run our best and done everything we could to make a run at the state title," senior Tom Taylor said.

While the team had not won a state title since 1992, the dreams and hopes were always with them. Some sports teams had superstitions, but others relied on pure confidence.

"I don't have superstitions. I have confidence. If you have to rely on some sort of luck to perform, then you probably haven't done the things you needed to do to be successful," Taylor said.

While Mr. Bill Wilke had been coaching for a long time, he said he really believed in the group after all that went on during the season. He commented on the fact that the team was the closest of any team ever in ways that brought them as one.

When nothing else mattered, goals were the focus on most everyone's mind, especially when cross country was about concentration and meeting one's goals for everyone.

Taylor said, "My goal while I was a Portage Cross Country runner was to help my team win a state championship. I was never fortunate enough, but I can help the younger runners learn what it will take to win one. Now, all I can do is help them achieve their goals. For everything I have received because of Portage Cross Country, I want to give back double. That's how special it is." • ***Joseph Durk***

When only the finish line was in mind, junior Tim Mulvihill leaves his Valparaiso opponent in the dust. Mulvihill ran cross country his freshman and sophomore years before, helping the team to reach its goal of getting to state. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

CROSS COUNTRY

Home		Opp.
17	Merrillville	45
	Lake Central	
	first	
	Valparaiso/Hobart	
	second	
	Chesteton/Michigan City	
	first	
	LaPorte/Crown Point/New Prairie	
	first	
	Penn Hokum Karem	
	first	
	Rebel Invite	
	first	
	Carmel Invite	
	second	
	New Prairie Invite	
	first	
	Culver Invite	
	second	
	Manchester Invite	
	second	
	Duneland Athletic Conference	
	first	
	Sectionals	
	first	
	Regionals	
	first	
	Semi-State	
	first	
	State	
	fifth	

Season Record

9 - 3

With the finish line in sight, sophomore Mike Halashak paces himself at a meet. Throughout the season, runners could be honored by entering "The 500 Club." If a member ran 500 or more miles, they were eligible. But because not everyone was watched in their off time, the club was really based on the honesty code. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Boys Cross Country - Front Row: Jason Ritter, Matt Cronch, Eric Keith, Mike Halaschak. **Back Row:** Assistant Coach Chuck Heimberg, Steve Samuel, Tom Taylor, Brian Bough, Jeff Fain, Chris Westerkamp, Tim Galati, Jeff Zeha, Mike Griffith, Head Coach Bill Wilke.

Pouring with perspiration, freshman Jason Ritter runs for the end. While at the Valparaiso/Hobart meet, Portage placed first against its rivals, placing them in the top five teams in the state. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Working as a team, doing the best as a team

During the game, junior Jamie Kornacki dicusses with Coach Kristine Dixon. • ***William Busch***

The volleyball team had what some players considered a good season. The volleyball teams worked and put all their effort into the game.

The season for the teams, "Started off good," sophomore Wendy Cannon said.

After the regular season before Sectionals, Junior Varsity player sophomore Jennie Fekete moved up to varsity. "We worked out our problems then did better. I think we did really well," Fekete said.

"The freshman team really blended well," freshman coach Mrs. Clara Lilly said.

Even though the freshman team did not have a winning season, "The girls worked together well," Lilly said.

The goals of the team were to win and do the best possible.

"The main goals we had were to work as a team and to win Sectionals," sophomore Katie Kawiecki said.

"We realized working as a team works a lot better than working as individuals," sophomore Gretchen Circle said.

"This year was a learning year for everyone. New coach, new people, new everything. We were a good team we just needed to be together longer," Circle said.

Most of the team members thought that working together as a team was very important. • ***Cyndi Cochran***

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Home		Opp.
0	Bishop Noll	2
2	Morton	0
0	Marquette	2
2	Wheeler Township	0
2	South Central	1
0	LaPorte	2
2	Lake Central	0
0	Andrean	2
1	Highland	2
2	Lowell	0
0	Crown Point	2
2	Lake Station	0
1	Chesterton	2
1	Plymouth	2
2	St. Joseph	0
0	Valparaiso	2
2	West Side	1
2	Hobart	0

Munster Tournament
Second

Season Record
9-18

With fans and teammates watching, freshman Heather Livengood sets the ball for freshman Lindsey Benninger. The freshman team did not have a winning season but "realized working as a team works a lot better than working as individuals," sophomore Gretchen Circle said.• ***William Busch***

Varsity Volleyball - Front Row: Natalie Kirincic, Katie Kawiecki. **Row 2:** Gretchen Circle, Coach Kristine Dixon, Coach Ed Dixon, Sarah Johnson. **Back Row:** Shawna Carter, Michelle Lilly, Jamie Kornacki, Mandy Cichowlaz, Kristin King, Kelley Ramian, Heather Campbell.

At a home game, teammates, fans and coaches watch freshman Jackie Riffle bump the ball. The freshman home games were played in the West building. "The girls worked together well," freshman coach Clara Lilly said. • ***William Busch***

Junior Varsity Volleyball - Front Row: Tara Potts, Patty Sulitz. **Row 2:** Sarah Uzelac. **Row 3:** Becky Hall, Coach Christan Bohde, Elaine Geeting. **Back Row:** Juleen Pezel, Wendy Cannon, Jennifer Fekete, Kelly Buhman, Jessica McKee.

Freshman Volleyball - Front Row: Tina Barajas, Jackie Riffle, Heather Livengood, Amber Tolliver. **Row 2:** Nyauna Joiner, Lindsey Benninger, Nicole Evetts, Steffanie House, Michelle Williams. **Back Row:** Coach Gary Collins, Denisa Hobgood, Elissa Zurcher, Anna Villanueva, Dani Barnett, Manager Ryan Sweeney, Coach Clara Lilly.

JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Home		Opp.
0	Noll	2
2	Morton	0
2	Marquette	1
1	Lowell	2
0	LaPorte	2
1	Lake Central	2
0	Andrean	2
1	Highland	2
0	Crown Point	2
0	Kankakee Valley	2
2	Lake Station	0
1	Chesterton	2
0	Valparaiso	2
2	Westside	0
2	Hobart	0

Season Record
5-16

The fans watch to see junior Jamie Kornaki bump the ball while teammates prepare to hit the ball over the net. The bump should be the next hit after the serve. There was a new rule that said the ball can be served from anywhere behind the black line unlike before when there was a servers box on the right of the court. • ***William Busch***

With help from teammates, freshman Elissa Zurcher prepares to bump the ball. "The freshmen team blended really well," freshman coach Mrs. Clara Lilly said. The freshmen had to adjust to a new school, new teammates and new coaches. Some players said playing high school sports was more important than in middle school. • ***William Busch***

Girls Golf Team Travels to Regional Games

With a gentle tap, junior Kathy Ostrander putts the ball. The team finished its season with a record of 10-4. • ***Shaun Simmons***

Golf, it is a game that requires full concentration and exact precision. For the girls golf team, that didn't seem to be a problem. For the second time ever, the girls golf team made it all the way to the Regional games. Their last season was a time for not only fun, but victory.

The golf team was comprised of 12 girls who spent most of their summer and after school practices at Robbinhurst Golf Club perfecting their strokes, putts and drives, sometimes until 6 p.m.

The team found its niche in the green of dreams. With a season record of 10-4, the golf team accomplished some unexpected feats. They worked together to achieve what they wanted — victory.

While many of the girls played golf for the competitive aspect, many played it just because they thought it was fun.

"I've been playing for two years," sophomore Erin Harrell said. "It is a great team."

The team was lead by Willowcreek Middle School social studies teacher Mr. Tom Milakovic who has been coaching the team for many years, and spent hours instructing the girls on how to improve their game.

"I think that he's a great coach," sophomore Erin Jedlikowski said. "I have learned so much from him."

Unlike many other sports, the golf team did not have many opportunities to practice out of season because of the weather. This caused the team to begin practice early in the summer. • ***Missy Bedroya***

GIRLS GOLF

Home		Opp.
197	Kankakee Valley	236
199	Munster	223
191	Marquette	191
202	Merrillville	231
201	Lake Central and Hanover	171 215
209	Valparaiso	194
202	Crown Point	180
196	LaPorte	226
195	Michigan City	193
190	Lowell	223
223	Chesterton	230

Kankakee Valley Invitational
Fifth
Rensselear Invitational
Sixth
Marquette Invitational
Fifth
LaPorte Invitaional
Sixth
Sectionals
Third

Season Record
10-4

Practicing at Robbinhurst Golf Club, senior Misty Oatsvall practices her shots. The golf team traveled to Regionals for the second time in girls golf history. • ***Shaun Simmons***

Girls Golf - **Front Row**: Coach Tom Milakovic, Cheryl Guzikowski, Jessica Grant, Erin Jedlikowski, Natalie Yude. **Back Row**: Kathy Ostrander, Misty Oatsvall, Sonja Sturges, Lisa Morrison.

Finishing her stroke, sophomore Cheryl Guzikowski looks to see where the ball lands. The golf team was comprised of 12 girls. • ***Shaun Simmons***

A boys tennis player reaches out to hit a forehand shot while warming up. The players prepared for matches by rallying with each other before playing against their opponents. • *Courtney Pierce*

Awaiting the serve during a match against Crown Point, junior Fahad Javed formulates his strategy. Javed played on the JV team, which ended with a 6-8 record. • *Courtney Pierce*

VARSITY TENNIS

Home		Opp.
5	Noll	0
2	Highland	3
0	West Lafayette	5
2	Lafayette Jefferson	3
4	LaPorte	1
5	Michigan City	0
4	Andrean	1
5	Hobart	0
3	Crown Point	2
2	Merrillville	3
4	Griffith	1
5	Chesterton	0
0	Valparaiso	5
2	St. Joseph	3

Highland Invitational
Second
Merrillville Invitational
Second

Season Record
7-4

JUNIOR TENNIS

Home		Opp.
5	Noll	0
1	Highland	4
0	West Lafayette	5
2	Lafayette Jefferson	3
0	LaPorte	5
5	Michigan City	0
3	Andrean	2
3	Hobart	0
2	Crown Point	3
1	Merrillville	4
4	Griffith	0
5	Chesterton	0
0	Valparaiso	5
0	St. Jospeh	5

Merrillville Tournament
Fourth
Chesterton Tournament
Third

Season Record
6-8

Tennis team shows 'luv' of game

The Boys Tennis team refuses to be underestimated. After being predicted to place sixth overall, the team placed third and took second place at the Merrillville Tennis Invitational. Already the tennis players were looking forward to next year's season.

The Varsity Boys Tennis team closed its season out with a record of 7-4. The team lost to Valparaiso in the first round of Sectionals and was eliminated from further postseason competition. The Junior Varsity finished with a record of 6-8. The team, however, remained focused on the future. "When our season was over, and we lost to Valpo at sectionals, I said to them [the team], 'They ended this season for us, but they started our new season,'" Coach Rick Mason said. "They promised me then that they were going to practice every day they could until next season. They practiced that day."

Part of the boys' winning formula was a united team. "Of the four years I've played, this team, without a doubt, is the most united with each other," senior Joe Hunt said. Much of that unity, said the coach and players, stemmed from the leadership of Hunt and junior Steve Kaminski.

"During the season, we needed more work, and he [Kaminski] set up Sunday practices for him and the other players. We've never had a player do that before," Mason said of Kaminski. Kaminski played doubles with his twin brother, Dan, in addition to playing singles.

Virtually every player mentioned Hunt when asked who provided team leadership. "Anytime we needed any support or anything, he was right there," Steve Kaminski said.

Mason said that Hunt, "probably had the best attitude on the team." Mason noted that Hunt always put the team first.

"He always led the team, and got us pumped up before matches," junior Dan Kaminski said of Hunt's leadership.

The tennis team was not expected to have a good season. Yet the players showed that no one's expectations mattered but their own. • ***Jeremiah Newhall***

Sophomore Kevin Stout watches his opponents return pass by him. Stout said he greatly enjoyed being a member of the team and found many of his teammates and he became good friends. • *Courtney Pierce*

After a meet, seniors Cyndi Hatala and Amy Matthew get something to drink. Because of the physical endurance needed to play soccer, drinking fluids was essential to keep from dehydrating. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Trying to follow up on a shot, freshman junior varsity player Theresa Russell charges the goalie. Russell was the only freshman on the team. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

About to head-it, sophomore Kim Ogden gets ready for the hit. Players on the team each had their own way of going to head the ball, either by swaying their arms or stepping back for a moment. The varsity team beat Highland with a score of 5-1, helping the team earn its' season record of 11-8-2. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Girls Soccer Team Takes Season By Storm

For a team that had only been together for three years, the girls soccer team proved they could play the sport like pros. The team made it to semi-state, which was the farthest they had ever gone.

With a season record of 11-8-2, the girls showed the determination of a soccer team that was comprised of individuals working toward a common goal.

"I've gained respect for myself, and as a team, we have gained respect from all the other teams," junior Stacy Porter said.

Some of the players felt the team could use more support.

Sophomore Melissa Smith said, "Our fans are scarce but we appreciate the ones we have."

Some of the players felt that there might have been a tension between the players and the officials.

Porter added, "I feel that the refs were against us this year. We had to compete against them."

Overall, the girls seemed optimistic about their experiences with the team.

Durr said, "We received a lot of support from our families and friends. Hopefully, next year, we will win state." • ***Elizabeth Verbich***

Trying to steal the ball, junior Jenny Vanderploeg sneaks up behind her opponent. Defense was critical in the game plans. • *Theresa Lavendusky*

Varsity Girls Soccer- Front Row: Angie Murray, Stacy Porter, Katy Ballas, Melissa Smith, Missy Mongoven. **Row 2:** Manager Irene Trapper, Kathy Rea, Kim Ogden, Jessica Sandor, Stacey Durr, Stefanie Yaksic, Martha DeVaney. **Back Row:** Assistant Coach Tony Cardonias, Kellie Glands, Cyndi Hatala, Kelly Bonner, Ryen Dohnner, Joy Krecji, Becky Easton, Coach Jeanne Miotke.

Junior Varsity Girls Soccer- Front Row: Sarah Kreuger, Theresa Russell, Jennifer Lehocky, Stacey Durr, Becky Elliot. **Row 2:** Manager Irene Trapper, Becky Riebly, Marisol Baumann, Melissa Parker, Kellie Glands, Jenny Vanderploeg, Shannon Liech. **Back Row:** Assistant Coach Tony Cardonis, Beth Sabin, Kathy Rea, Jessica Sandor, Heather Lucas, Julie Racich, Casandra Mateo, Wendy Hammond, Coach Jeanne Miotke.

VARSITY SOCCER

Home		Opp.
5	Crown Point	3
1	Munster	1
5	Highland	1
2	Michigan City	1
0	Lake Central	3
6	LaPorte	3
1	South Bend Adams	3
1	Homestead	1
0	Valparaiso	1
3	Griffith	2
5	Bishop Noll	2
5	Hobart	1
2	Chesterton	3
1	Andrean	3
0	Merrillville	2
0	South Bend St. Joseph	3
	Sectionals	
4	Chesterton	2
2	Valparaiso	1
	Regionals	
7	Lake Central	0
	Semi-State	
0	Penn Hokem Karem	2

Season Record
11-8-2

JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER

Home		Opp.
1	Crown Point	0
2	Munster	2
2	Hobart	0
0	Highland	0
1	Michigan City	0
1	Lake Central	5
0	LaPorte	1
1	Andrean	1
2	Chesterton	1
0	South Bend St. Joseph	3
1	Valparaiso	4
6	Bishop Noll	2
2	Merrillville	5
2	Griffith	3

Season Record
5-6-3

JUNIOR SOCCER

Home		Opp.
0	Crown Point	6
0	Lake Central	5
0	Hobart	3
2	Lowell	7
0	Michigan City	4
0	LaPorte	4
1	Munster	1
0	Griffith	3
0	Chesterton	2
0	Andrean	3
1	Valparaiso	0
0	Highland	6
4	Valparaiso Tournament	2
0	Chesterton Tournament	1
0	Merrillville	6

Season Record

12 - 2 - 1

VARSITY SOCCER

Home		Opp.
4	Crown Point	0
3	Lake Central	0
1	Hobart	0
7	Hammond High	1
5	Lowell	1
10	Michigan City	1
3	Laporte	0
0	Munster	2
8	Griffith	2
3	Chesterton	1
4	Andrean	1
2	Valparaiso	3
2	Highland	1
1	Merrillville	2
	Sectionals	
2	Valparaiso	1

Season Record

10 - 5

Staying on the defense, senior Dennis Odisho guards his player. On the side, the referee tried to get out of the way before being tackled.
• ***Michelle Kniola***

Looking toward the other half of the field, junior Dan Walworth looks for the ball. Walworth was assisted by seniors Todd Strom and Ed Rectenwall.
• ***Michelle Kniola***

Boys soccer breathed easily on its way to successful seasons

There is five seconds left and the score is tied 1 to 1. The home team has the ball and kicks. The ball lands just beyond the oustretched hands of the goalie.

Although soccer has become more popular during the last couple of years, some players still felt that the more well-known sports, such as football, have gotten preferential treatment.

Junior Dan Walworth said, "We [the soccer team] really didn't get much. Football got whatever it needed and some other sports didn't get anything."

Walworth, who has played soccer for 11 years, said he decided to play high school soccer because he has played it most of his life and without soccer he would be bored.

With so many new players, it was a season many players will not forget and the freshmen stepped up when they needed to, Walworth said.

But even with the success of the team, not all of the students had the chance to attend one of the games.

Students, like junior Kathy Ostrander, would have liked to been able to go to one of the games, but they did not have the chance.

Some even say that the season could not have gotten any better.

With a varsity record of 10- 5-0 and a junior varsity record of 12-2-1, both soccer teams had successful seasons.

• ***Genanne Voynovich***

While junior Marshall Newbold looks on, senior Luke Weinman runs down the field ready to kick the ball and make a goal.
• ***Michelle Kniola***

Holding the ball, junior Dan Walworth waits for the whistle. In the background, junior Tony Cimbalevich waited for the pass.
• ***Michelle Kniola***

As the ball descends from a kick, seniors Ed Recktenwall and Todd Strom wait for it to return onto the field. The varsity's record was 10-5.
• ***Michelle Kniola***

Girls basketball team has highs, lows during season

During the jump, sophomore Erin Jedlikowski reaches for the ball against her Valparaiso opponent. Portage lost, 55-67. The lady Indians finished their season, 12-10. • *Courtney Pierce*

Picture the East gym full of bodies glistening with sweat and fighting with pride for every rebound. Now picture them diving on the floor for every loose ball. Now picture this-they're all female.

Sorry guys this isn't a dream, it's reality. The girls basketball teams began in October and practiced every day until the end of their seasons. The varsity and junior varsity seasons ended prematurely because of the sectional loss to Valparaiso. The freshman season ended in January with a victory over Laporte.

The freshman girls got out to a rocky start, but managed to pull together finishing 6-9 on the season. "The team really bonded at our holiday tournament," freshman Ana Villanueva said. The team was without the top three scorers from last year's eighth grade year teams because they were moved up to the junior varsity and varsity squads.

Freshman Michelle Pickering said, "The most beneficial part of the season was having the senior guards there to teach me the importance of the guard position." Pickering was one of the three freshmen who fought it out for time on the varsity.

"Our highest point of the season was the Chesterton game," freshman Cheryl Buergler, a member of the girls varsity team added. This was also the opinion of many of the other girls as well. While all athletic seasons are filled with many high points as well as low points, the girls couldn't decide on a low point. The opinions ranged from the holiday tournament, individual games and the sectional finals.

"I was sad to see the season end because I had a great time with all the girls," freshman Natalie Yudt, a member of the girls varsity, said of the sectional loss to Valparaiso. The girls advanced to the finals by defeating Wheeler in the quarterfinals and Washington Township in the semifinals before falling to the eventual Regional champions. The girls finished the year 12-10. • ***Matt Welches***

Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity - Front Row: Sarah Natalie, Cheryl Buergler, Ryen Dohner, Julie Stevenson, Kim Hendley, Coach Renee Turpa. **Row 2 :** Jenny Fekete, Mellisa Smith, Jamie Kornacki, Natalie Yudt, Erin Jedlikowski, Elizabeth Bobb, Kellie Rich, Candace Crockett. **Back Row:** Mary Mazurek, Patty Sulitz, Cristina Chandler, Gretchen Circle, Amber Hardin, Michelle Pickering, Heather Gish, Cassie Mateo.

Junior Kellie Rich questions an official's call as her teammates look on. "The seniors treated us like a part of the team on the floor and off," freshman Cheryl Burgeler said. • *Courtney Pierce*

All eyes are on freshman Michelle Pickering as she defends a Lady Viking during the sectional finals. The Lady Indians lost to the Vikings after defeating Washington Township and Wheeler in the sectionals. • *Courtney Pierce*

Senior Cristina Chandler is looking for an open teammate as she stands out of bounds at a home game. The varsity placed third at the Portage Tournament this year. • *Courtney Pierce*

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Home		Opp.
67	Gavit	43
52	Chesterton	49
44	Crown Point	55
51	Kankakee Valley	40
53	Merrillville	36
66	East Chicago Central	51
47	Hobart	61
58	Andrean	49
32	Valparaiso	59
77	Lake Station	22
52	Michigan City	64
45	Lake Central	55
58	LaPorte	35
	Portage Tournament	
41	Highland	47
57	Andrean	53
	Twin Lakes Tournament	
56	Indianapolis Arlington	38
61	Twin Lakes	74
44	Lafayette Harrison	69
	Sectionals	
46	Wheeler	30
69	Washington	41
55	Valparaiso	67

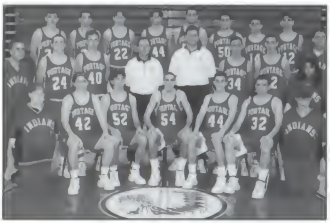
Season Record
12-10

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

Home		Opp.
59	Gavit	19
26	Chesterton	48
25	Crown Point	45
29	Kankakee Valley	32
30	Merrillville	35
31	East Chicago Central	28
45	Hobart	26
28	Munster	47
35	Valparaiso	39
34	Lake Station	23
54	Michigan City	42
40	Lake Central	49
29	LaPorte	32
	LaPorte Tournament	
29	Laporte	45
34	Chesterton	37
	Hobart Tournament	
30	Lake Central	52
32	Hobart	11

Season Record
6-11

Freshman Basketball - Front Row: Steve Samuel, Dan Nemeth, Xavier Mendez, Allen Mirr, Darryl Henson, Jimmy Oliver, Jay Durr. **Row 2:** Tony Wester, Matt Welches, Derek Dudzik, Scott Holtzman, Mark Wiseman, Irene Trapper, Keri Tharp. **Row 3:** Kevin Luellman, Jon Hopp, Chad Smolar, Matt Whitver, Jay Ayala, Frank Montoleone, Brian Homan. **Back Row:** Coach Scott Micklo, Jason Ritter, Scott Riley, Matt Mahns,



Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball - Front Row: Christina Hodges, Joe Tinnel, Corey Schnarr, Tony Racich, Nick Shields, Andy Drake, Michelle Hodges. **Row 2:** Vance Carlin, Mike Pickering, Scot Wilson, Coach Greg Fisher, Coach Jay Hodges, Ryan Fisher, Kevin Stout, Brandy Ebling. **Back Row:** Mike Martinez, Dan Walworth, Andy Berger, Luke Fogle, Mike Kramer, Tim Lewandowski, Marc Tarpley, Brandon Mowbray, Adam Scott.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Home		Opp
71	Lowell	46
54	Calumet	50
50	Lake Central	56
47	Lake Station	37
40	CrownPoint	62
39	Hammond Morton	43
67	Michigan City	71
39	Hammond High	81
53	Hobart	54
67	Noll	57
51	LaPorte	52
78	Highland	65
54	Chesterton	31
36	Valparaiso	45
49	Merillville	57
77	Lafayette Jeff	85
78	Munster	70
78	Elkhart Memorial	70
	Valparaiso Tournament	
55	LaPorte	58
50	Michigan City	52
	Sectonals	
63	Wheeler	67

Season Record
8-13

FRESHMAN A TEAM BASKETBALL

Home		Opp.
58	Michigan City	36
70	Andrean	65
45	Marquette	36
51	Lowell	36
48	Highland	64
69	Lake Central	53
67	LaPorte	62
40	Munster	50
49	Chesterton	51
41	Hobart	35
40	Merrillville	63
43	Kankakee Valley	36
49	Crown Point	39
41	Boone Grove	39
35	Bishop Noll	40
46	Valparaiso	54
	"A" Tournament	
50	Chesterton	38
56	LaPorte	53

Season Record
12-6

Boys basketball shoots for State but falls short at sectionals

The sound of the fans ceases as the player steps up to the charity stripe. These two shots could win the game. Scenes like this were popular during boys basketball games all around the area.

Although many times the difference between winning or losing a game could come down to a spectacular play or a last second free throw, the game was not always this glamorous. Before the season started, the boys looked forward to conditioning every day with their coaches. They did this by doing a variety of different drills, such as jumping rope, doing sprints and running. But because of IHSAA rules, they were not allowed to touch a basketball in their coaches' presence. As the weeks went by, the season for basketball came at last and regular practices started. The varsity boys practiced from 3-5 p.m. at East during the week and on Saturday mornings, while the freshman team practiced from 3-5 p.m. at West.

Many of the players who have dedicated much of their free time during the school year to basketball became interested in the sport early on in life. "I've played basketball for a long time -11 years," junior Tony Racich said.

Although younger and perhaps less experienced both the freshman teams did well by winning 12 games. They both ended the season on a low note with losses to Valparaiso. The junior varsity squad ended the season with a victory over Elkhart Memorial, giving them a season record of 11-9. The varsity team had high expectations for this year, but these hopes were dashed by an early loss in Sectionals of the state tournament to Wheeler. "We were disappointed with our performance at sectionals," junior Mike Kramer said. The team had hoped to clear their sectional and move on to regional action this season.

Several Portage players warm up before the game by shooting around and running short drills. The varsity team ended the season with a record of 8-13. *•Kathy Rea*

Even though the varsity teams' season ended early, the team ended the season

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Home		Opp.
40	Lowell	49
47	Calumet	23
50	Lake Central	46
36	Lake Station	27
53	Crown Point	51
32	Hammond Morton	39
37	Michigan City	40
55	Hammond High	41
52	Hobart	40
36	Bishop Noll	34
55	LaPorte	60
44	Highland	47
32	Chesterton	39
39	Valparaiso	62
42	Merrillville	53
39	Lafayette Jefferson	32
40	Munster	31
53	Elkhart Memorial	50

Season Record
11-9

FRESHMAN B TEAM

Home		Opp.
46	Hobart	24
45	Lowell	42
59	Highland	20
39	Lake Central	51
52	LaPorte	28
55	Munster	43
51	Chesterton	38
49	Kankakee Valley	26
52	Merrillville	48
33	LaPorte	36
50	Chesterton	32
45	Crown Point	30
42	Valparaiso	52

Season Record
12-3

Warming up before the Homecoming basketball game, junior Joe Tinnel chases after a rebound. The boys lost the homecoming game to LaPorte by one point, 51-52. *• Kathy Rea*

Broken bones injure efforts of gymnastics team

Hard work and determination were key words for the gymnastics team so it could pull the through the injury stricken year.

Warming up before a home meet, sophomores Jessica Grant and Jackie Frechette practice segments of their floor routine. • ***William Busch***

"We tried our hardest and tried not to let the injuries get in our way," sophomore Jessica Grant said.

The team held up by losing only two dual meets and placing fourth in conference and fifth in sectionals.

"We had hoped to finish a little better than we did but we were never at our peak ability," said Coach Cassie Riley.

The team seemed to have injury after injury ranging from sprains to broken bones.

"The team really focused on sticking together and doing the best that was possible considering all of the setbacks," sophomore Stacey Weimer said.

"If any of us had a problem, we always had someone there for us to talk to and help us through it," Grant said.

Practice was every day after school and Saturdays. The team was together a lot.

"The team becomes rather close during season especially because we all need to be there for each other. You meet a lot of your really close friends in gymnastics," Weimer said.

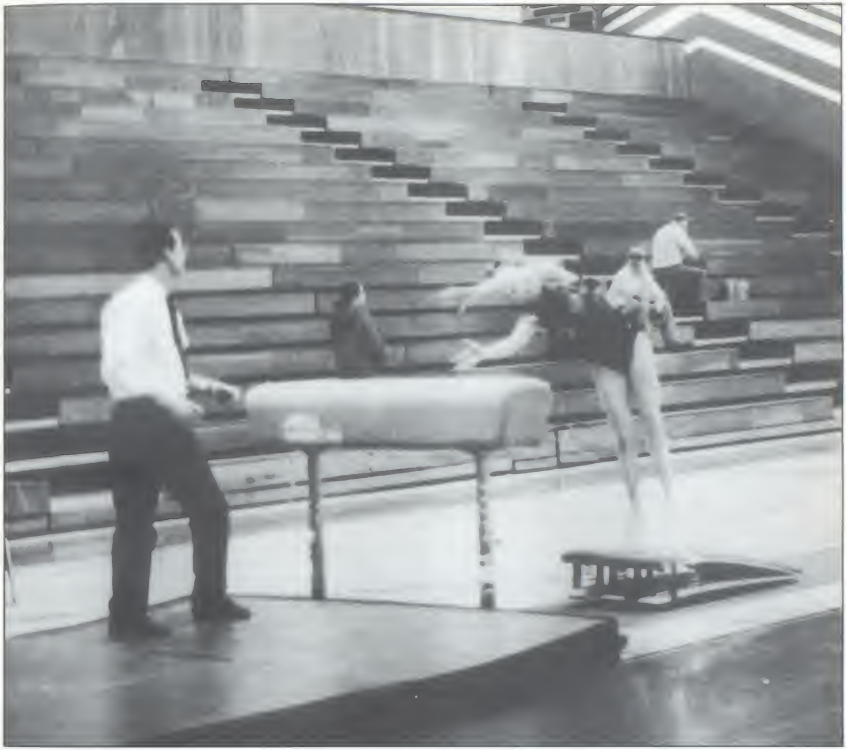
The team consisted of mostly sophomores. "There was lots of progress made considering we had a fairly young team," Riley said.

"We had hoped to finish the season a little better than we did but with the many injuries we can't argue," Weimer said.

"With our disappointing end, we still stuck together and acted as a team," Grant said. • ***Cyndi Cochran***

Gymnastics - Front Row: Amy Wright, Jessica Grant, Ashlie DeHaven, Jackie Frechette. **Row 2:** Coach Cassie Riley, Piper Van Santen, Nikki Floyd, Coach Rob Serber. **Back Row:** Amber Riley, Amanda Walworth, Lindsay Easton, Amie Carns, Tiffany Stewart, Amber Hammond.

Warming up on floor, senior Amber Riley does part of her routines. Riley was one of the only two seniors on the team, along with senior Nikki Floyd. • ***William Busch***



JUNIOR VARSITY GYMNASTICS

Home		Opp.
87.4	LaPorte	68.85
84.25	Michigan City	36.55
83.125	Crown Point	30.3
82.425	Merrillville	49
86.15	Chesterton	92.05

Marion Invitational
fifth

Season Record
4-1

VARSITY GYMNASTICS

Home		Opp.
109.025	LaPorte	95.2
98	Hobart	99
101.2	Michigan City	84.95
101.65	Crown Point	79.25
104.3	Merrillville	101.975
97.7	Lowell	84.75
43	Valparaiso	79
100.80	Chesterton	108.5

Season Record
5-3

Practicing her vault, freshman Carrie Javorka does a half on with coach Rob Serber. The team had practice every day after school. • ***William Busch***

Pon Poms - Front Row: Marcy Greer, Ashley DeHaven, Meagan Gerkin, Heather Andryuk, Cheryl Guzikowski, Heather Jaques. **Back Row:** Elizabeth Bunker, Yvonne Piehl, Tessie Frechette, Michelle Batista, Robyn Karner, Amanda Pirowski.

During halftime, the varsity cheerleading squad does a routine called "King of the Hill." The girls wanted something new this year to do at the last home game. Every summer, the squads went to cheerleading camps at Valparaiso University.
• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Just after the first half, the Pon Pom squad performs its routine. The Poms practiced every Tuesday and Thursday in the Commons.
• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Lifters - Front Row: Alex Curiel, Tom Smedley, Michael Forrest. **Back Row:** Tony Ballor, Jeremy Lewis, Elijah Armes, Brandon Miller.

Varsity Cheerleaders - Front Row: Kelly Charbonneau, Brooke Brennan. **Row 2:** Leacia Circle, Jessica Reid, Lindsey Klisiak, Monica Essig, Sydney Hodsden. **Back Row:** Mary Brown, Amber Riley, Holly Blake, Michelle Sparks, Kelly McWilliams.

Facing the crowd, senior Heather Andryuk runs through her performance. Andryuk and fellow teammate senior Meagan Gerkin traveled to New York City to walk in the Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with other invited girls from around the nation.
• ***Michele Kniola***

Junior Varisty Cheerleaders - Front Row: Valeree Nestorovich, Jessica Wireman. **Row 2:** Mandi Bartok, Ashley Reynolds. **Row 3:** Erin Austgen, Jenny Riffle, Dionne Gingrich. **Back Row:** Cyndi Cochran, Piper VanSanten, Stacey Weimer.

Pep teams try for spirit with cheering, dancing, lifting

The cheerleader stands on the top of a pyramid supported below by her squad. This cheerleader requires the support of her fellow team members to keep her from falling.

The squad gives support to the teams such as basketball and football. But the squad also felt that they deserved support as well. However, Miss Gerri Kotyuk , varsity and junior varsity coach, said, "We feel that support for the teams at Portage High School should be stressed in place of competition."

The squad members put in long hours of practice to learn the various routines. In order to join the team, each student must attend the tryouts. The practice for this began in April for both the cheerleading and Pon Pom squad. These practices lasted about three days, with the actual tryout having occurred on the third day.

From the group that tried out, both Miss Gerri and Kathy Kotyuk pick the varsity and junior varsity members. If they had a tough decision between two students, grades were the deciding factor in some cases.

For those who made the squad, there was a mandatory summer camp, where members learned new cheers and techniques to improve team performance during the school year.

Fund-raisers were also mandatory to help squad members pay for the expense of their uniforms. Members sold candy as well as other helpful items.

The Pon Pom team consisted of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The Pon Poms had to memorize choreographed routines set to various musical themes to perform at football and basketball games.

Both squads participated in the Homecoming parade, showing support for the teams.

Even through hard work and practice, there can still be an element of fun. It just needs to be found, which both squads have done. • ***Genanne Voynovich***

While the basketball team gets warmed up before the game, the Pon Poms try to get the spectators warmed up with a dance routine. During the spring musical, six members of the Pon Pom squad were cast as dancers. Senior Heather Andryuk was also an assistant choreographer. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Freshman Aaron Massow and a fellow wrestler practice for an upcoming match.The junior varsity's team record was 20-0. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Junior David Torres and a team mate practice for an upcoming match.Torres was seventh in the state for his weight class. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Wrestling - Front Row: Fred Joseph, Joseph Capodagli, Stephan Stanfel, Eric Keith, Leroy Vega, Steve Cook, James O'Keefe, Andrew Bradbury, Joshua Swindle. **Row 2:** Aaron Massow, Aaron Branham, Jose Torres, Jacob Warner, Dave Chavez, Kris Scherff, Christopher Roman, Ryan Dexter, Ryan Lang. **Back Row:** Manager Paul Robertson, David Torres, Terry Levin, Mark McKim, Eric Erway, Adam Alaniz, Bryon Riley.

Wrestlers warm up for their practice by jogging. The wrestlers had to follow a strenuous physical fitness regimen. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Wrestlers 'pin' down state championships

Two men, muscles straining, lock their arms and try to force each other to the mat. Sweat and yearning eventually give way to victory as one man is pinned down, unable to rise despite his efforts.

The boys wrestling team "strong-armed" their opponents into submission throughout the varsity season. The team won its seventh sectional title in a row and its fifth straight regional title.

Advancing even further, three team members went to state. Seniors Leroy Vega and Jake Warner and junior David Torres went to the state level of competition. Vega was state champion in the 112 lbs. weight class with a perfect 50-0 record. Warner was state champion in the 152 lbs. weight class with a perfect 51-0 record. Torres was seventh place in the state for the 215 lbs. weight class with a near-perfect 46-4 record. Torres won the quarter finals but was defeated in the semi-finals.

For many wrestlers, being a part of the team required a great deal of dedication. They had to put in time after school for numerous practices and had to go on strict diets to ensure that they were able to compete in the correct weight classes. "If we didn't love what we're doing, we wouldn't be here every day," senior Dave Chavez said.

Both the junior varsity and the varsity team had near-perfect team records. The junior varsity team was undefeated and the varsity team had only one loss for the season.

Team spirit was high throughout the season. Many of the team members spoke of their comraderie with each other. "We get along really good together," senior Steve Cook said.

Early in the season, coaches and wrestlers alike had high hopes for the team's potential. Because of their dedication to their sport and to each other, the wrestling team has been able to go far. • ***Jeremiah Newhall***

Senior Leroy Vega practices for a future match. Vega was state champion for his weight class.
• *Theresa Lavendusky*

JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING

Home		Opp.
5	Tournament	0
84	Michigan City	0
54	Merrillville	20
35	Valparaiso	32
77	Hobart	5
48	Crown Point	18
52	Regional (team)	12

Lowell Tournament
first
Goshen Tournament
first
Triple Dual Tournament
first
Clay Invitational
third

VARSITY WRESTLING

Home		Opp.
60	Michigan City	13
42	Merrillville	29
47	LaPorte	18
42	Valparaiso	19
69	Hobart	6
62	Crown Point	6
59	Regional (team)	4
59	Semi-State (team)	13

Lake Central Tournament
first
Calumet Tournament
first
North Montgomery Tournament
second
DAC
first

Girls swimming comes together to reach top as team

Working as a team and doing the best possible were the focuses for the girls swim team.

"Our main goal this year was to work as a team, to step up to the other teams as a whole and show them what we got," sophomore Racheal Jamison said. The team had practices before and after school and on Christmas break.

Members from the swim team await the tone for their race. • *Theresa Lavenduski*

"We stuck together during our Christmas break training and none of us have ever experienced that before. We worked hard and stuck together when the workout became hard and never lost sight of our goals," junior Katie Siminski said.

The team had a season extending from the middle of November to the middle of February.

"This was a really fun season. I learned a lot about team work and discipline," sophomore Robyn Karner said.

The team was combined for the first time practicing and having meets with the boys swim team.

"The whole season was different from all of the rest. The combined seasons of boys and girls made the whole season memorable," Siminski said.

The swim team was one of the sports that did not hold tryouts.

"A lot of girls had a good season. Our better swimmers had kind of a rough year - not a successful, as they wanted it to be," Coach Mike Lipinski said.

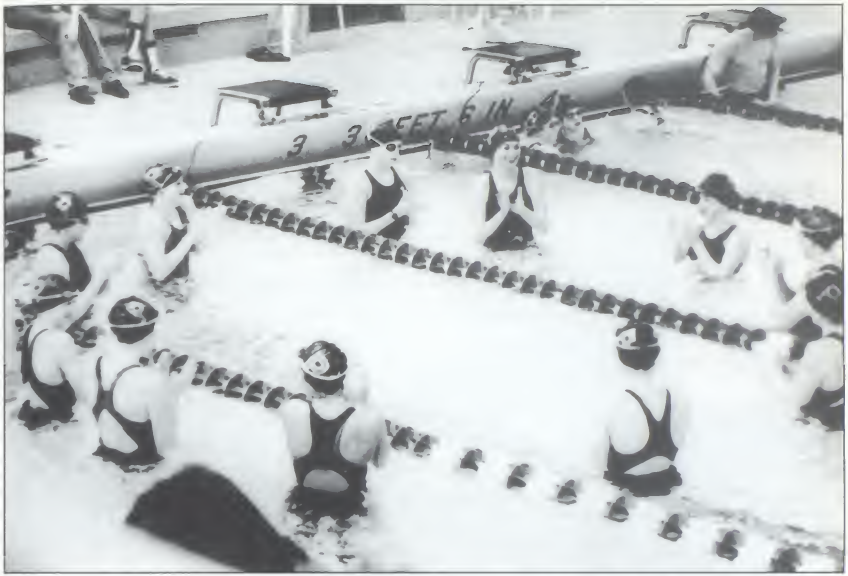
The swimmers and divers made up the team and had separate coaches.

"Attitude was a major part because to win a meet every last person had to have the positive attitude and the concentration needed to get through the season," Karner said.

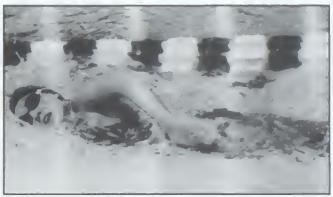
During the 500 free the team helped their team mates by holding signs with the numbers of laps to go in the water during races.

"Part of being a team is learning how to get along and working together. Some had a hard time doing that at the end of the season especially," Lipinski said. • ***Cyndi Cochran***

Breaking after a race seniors Sonia Soto and Theresa Hazzard and sophomore Amy Cosby talk among each other. "Team work and spirit helped the team keep a good attitude through out the season," sophomore Robyn Karner said. • *Theresa Lavenduski*



Girls Swimming - Front Row: Erin Widing, Jamie Wolfe, Stephanie Nemesevich, Nikki Startup, Amber Jacobson, Dana Rogers, Cheryl Eddy, Regina Gudianas, Lena Klakoski, Allison Peda. **Row 2:** Robyn Karner, Tiffany Haburjak, Amy Nelson, Tiffany Gorbie, Amy Dominique, Norma Addison, Sonia Soto, Maggie Simkin, Kristen Harold, Curran Cleland, Dawn Butterfeild. **Back Row:** coach Mike Lipinski, Michelle Vaught, Kari Horn, Katie Siminski, Abby Kay, Teresa Hazzard, Kim Ford, Kelly Smith, Jade Chavez.



Swimming the freestyle at a home meet junior Kati Siminski takes another stroke ahead. "We were really focused on placing good and dropping time in Sectionals. We wanted to get as many people as we could to State," Siminski said. • ***Theresa Lavenduski***

The team comes together before a meet to build enthusiasm. The boys and girls swimming teams practiced together and had most of their meets together, which was something new. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Swimming senior Nathan Mundt competes in the 100-butterfly. Mundt qualified for the State meet at IUPUI.

Boys swim team sends six to State

It is down to the final lap and two swimmers lead the group. The winner will be determined by one final stroke. One swimmer pulls away to win his heat by two seconds. He reaches the wall and comes up for air.

Whether talking about the upcoming meet, or something that is not related to swimming, they still know how to get it done. They proved that with a season record of 6-4. • ***Theresa Lavendusky.***

This year was the first year for combined girls and boys swimming and few swimmers found anything pleasant about it. Junior Ben Hoffmann said, "I found nothing good about it. It was just a pain in the butt." This was Hoffmann's third year on the high school team and he has swum since he was three. His brother, former Portage swimmer Bill Hoffmann, was the one who made him interested in swimming for a team.

Also, there were six swimmers who went to state, while the team finished third at sectionals. Those who went included seniors Nathan Mundt and Charlie Freuhwirth, junior Rich Ostertag, sophomore Chris Smolnicky and freshmen Dean Klakoski and Don Lubek. Ostertag was the only member to place at state, finishing eighth in the 500 free. Another of Ostertag's goals he said, "Was to break the school record ..." Ostertag was trying to break the school record for the 500 free.

The team had some goals for the upcoming years, which Hoffmann said were, "To qualify as many people for state as possible and hopefully do better at sectionals. To achieve this we have to work hard over the summer and during the fall."

Many of the swim team members recommended joining the team, but said to be prepared to work long and hard. Hoffmann said, "It is a lot of fun. You have to work hard, but the comaraderie is great." •***Genanne Voynovich***

JUNIOR SWIM

Home		Opp.
86	Highland	41
106	Crown Point	66
81	Valparaiso	94
91	Chesterton	88
118	Hobart	66

Season Record

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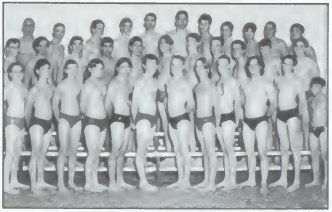
VARSITY SWIM

Home		Opp.
95	Lafayette Jeff	91
115	Merrillville	71
103	LaPorte	83
89	Highland	97
115	Michigan City	65
85	Munster	100
117	Crown Point	69
89	Valparaiso	97
79	Chesterton	107
118	Hobart	66

Munster Relays
Third
Duneland Conference
Third
Sectionals
Third

Season Record

6 - 4



Boys Swimming - Front Row: Terry Henson, Josh Grant, Jeremy Goins, Greg Mundt, Nathan Peek, Mike Szentesy, Dean Klakowski, Brian Bolta, Adam Hatten, Nathan Maizer, Alexander Lo. **Row 2:** Charlie Fruehwirth, Jamie Kallimani, Rich Marik, Ricky Rodriguez, Joe Tarrien, Josh Kish, Darren Newberry, Jon Harbaugh, Rob Berquist, James Thomas. **Back Row:** Jesse Harty, Jared Casias, Christopher Smolnicky, Ben Hoffmann, Ryan Van Auken, Chris Rodgers, Rich Ostertag, Nick Rodgers, Jeremy York, Don Lubeck, Nathan Mundt.

Standing along the pool side seniors Nathan Mundt and Charlie Fruehwirth celebrate the senior night for Boys Swim. Senior Night was a night in which to honor the seniors for all their hard work and dedication they gave to the team.

Boys Swim Team - State Qualifiers: Coach Ralph Mundt, sophomore Christopher Smolnicky, senior Nathan Mundt, senior Charlie Fruehwirth, freshman Dean Klakowski, freshman Don Lubeck, junior Rich Ostertag, Coach Rich Lowe

DIAMOND LOVE

Girls softball wins "home" free

The runner rounds first base and the first baseman drops the ball. The runner continues on her path and slides safely into home with dust flying.

Losing her hat to grab a the fly ball out of the sky, junior Kelly Rich gracefully avoids losing the ball the glaring sun that shone in her eyes. The Indians had a winning record this season. *• Theresa Lavendusky*

Softball was a game of skill and agility. One position that requires these abilities was shortstop. According to sophomore Katie Kawiecki, "Shortstop is one of the most demanding positions. I love the pressure that the position requires."

Many of those who played on a high school team had been playing softball for years. One example was junior Trisha Richart, who had been playing softball for 11 years.

Richart said that the one thing that she loved most about softball was "how the players come together on the field. If there is a disagreement, we are able to work it out without any fights and we all get along." Teamwork was a quality that the softball team possessed. Without teamwork, few of the team's goals would have been accomplished throughout the season.

Through teamwork, the softball team was able to achieve one major goal that every team has - a winning season.

Throughout the season, through practice and game experience, players were able to improve their statistics, as well as their level of play.

Kawiecki said, " It [softball] has been a good experience because I have really learned a lot to make myself a better player. I've learned a lot about playing under pressure and accepting a challenge from the other team."

For those who had thought about trying out for the team, Kawiecki said "The team expects a lot out of the players. Practices are really tough, but we always find time to have fun." Richart said. So whether a first year player, or a "veteren," "Softball is a really fun sport and I met a lot of new people," Richart said.

• Genanne Voynovich

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

Home		Opp.
10	Chesterton	0
1	Lafayette Harrison	0
4	Valparaiso	3
10	LaPorte	0
18	Andrean	1
11	Hobart	0
17	Michigan City	0
5	River Forest	6
10	LaPorte	0
10	Hobart	0
24	Michigan City	0

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Home		Opp.
9	Andrean	0
8	Chesterton	0
5	Crown Point	3
7	Hammond Morton	1
4	Lafayette Harrison	2
8	Valparaiso	1
9	LaPorte	0
10	Hobart	1
7	Lowell	6
10	Michigan City	0
6	Marquette	1
22	LaPorte	3
3	Merrillville	1
5	Hobart	0
13	Michigan City	0

Playing the field, junior Trisha Richart taunts the batter. *• Theresa Lavendusky*

Pumping themselves up for the game, the girls softball team does a group cheer. Many teams did cheers before games or matches.
• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

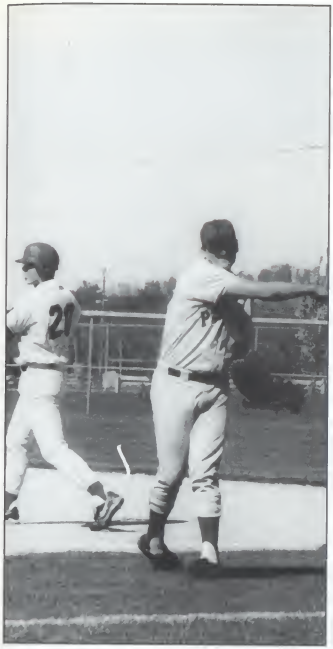
Senior Crystal Cannon recieves a little free advice about her pitching from her coach during a regional game.
• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

While waiting for play to resume, senior Cyndi Hatala talks to her teammates about the next play. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

During practice before a game senior Pete Shaw practices his fastball. In the game at Merrillville varsity won, 4-0. • ***William Busch***

Freshman Baseball - First Row: Mark McKim, Dan Daily, Nathan Gurski. **Row 2:** Randon Lingenfelter, Jon Hopp, Nathan Rubalcava, David Niloff, Mark Wiseman. **Back Row:** Coach Eric Hiller, Shawn McGuire, Dennis Shea, Sean Reibly, Scott Riley, Eric McGhee, Dusty Vrska.

During batting practice, junior Josh Vaudt bunts. The team practiced every day after school and had games many days of the week through out the season. • ***William Busch***



At a home game, senior Steve Kinder throws the ball to home. The team's season lasted from April to June. • *William Busch*

Junior Varsity Baseball - Front Row: Chris Hicks, Nick Wayne, Steve Rummel, Andrew Bradbury. **Row 2:** Matt Erickson, Wally Golec, Kevin Goad, Mike Ramian, Mika Borenstein, Kevin McGuffy. **Back Row:** Jeff Evans, Kevin Stout, Matt Mahns, Scot Wilson, Brian Lewandowski, Coach Jeff Smith.

Varsity Baseball - Front Row: Shaun Wishnevski, Blake Wiseman, Omar Mendez, John Maliziola, Tim Pirowski, Nick Rajski, Chris Nelson, Steve Kinder, Charles Greer. **Back Row:**Coach Brett St. Germain, Matt Fisher, Jordan DeHaven, Eric Erway, Andrew Drake, Brent Ksenak, Carl Buergler, Josh Vault, Pete Shaw, Luke Fogle, Coach Tom Levandowski.

Pushing each other to be the best as a team

After school every day until 4:30 p.m. the baseball teams practiced. Their were three teams the freshman team, junior varsity and varsity.

The freshman team came together from two different middle schools and some of the members had never played together.

"We started off rough on the edges but once we started working together at practices it all got downpat," freshman Scott Riley said.

The freshman team had a record of 18-7 but lost in the championship at tourney.

"Our goal was to beat Valpo win conference and to win the PHS Tourney," freshman Scott Riley said.

The junior varsity team consisted of sophomores and juniors and the team had never really played all together.

"At the beginning we weren't friends their was disagreements but as the year went on everyone became friends," sophomore Jeff Evans said.

The junior varsity had a season that lasted from April to May.

"We tried not to fight and pushed each other to be better," sophomore Kevin Goad said.

One player concluded the season with a smile.

"Win or lose we would stick together," Evans said. • ***Cyndi Cochran***

Playing second base, junior Andrew Drake throws the ball to home. Drake was coached by Mr. Tom Levandowski. • *William Busch*

Girls tennis team takes its opponents to court

It was a dark and stormy night, forcing yet another match to be delayed.

Junior Stefanie Iwan returns the ball. Iwan used her free hand to guide her follow-through, giving her power and accuracy. • ***Michelle Kniola***

The girls tennis team faced adversity in many forms: tough opponents, difficult matches, even mother nature. Repeated rain delays helped put a crimp in their plans by stalling scheduled practices and matches. In spite of all this, the tennis team still "served" up a 10-9 season.

Some players displayed a love of the sport that caused them to go beyond what was asked of them.

"[Senior] Kim Spoa plays with pain and also with heart," said Coach Rich Mason. Spoa suffered an injury to her knee during her junior year, but continued to play for the tennis team.

She was listed as an outstanding player in several matches, including one match she won on her birthday. Spoa attributed her success to her ability to adjust to specific opponents. "I don't play their game," Spoa said. "I make them play my game."

Several matches were so close that it was individual performances which made the difference. Twice in a row, sophomore Erin Jedlikowski decided the match by a personal victory.

Jedlikowski knew the pressure was on her to win. "Mr. Mason told me the team was tied," she said. Despite being behind by a score of 5-2 in the last set, a single game from defeat, she came back to win. She remembered her coach urging her on. "He just kept talking to me between games," Jedlikowski said.

For doubles players, teamwork was key to success. Juniors and doubles partners Kathy Rea and Katy Ballas put their teamwork to good use when Rea and Ballas broke a 2 to 2 tie to win the Lake Central match.

No one player can carry a team, but players like these showed just how much one person can accomplish, as well as what they can do together. • ***Jeremiah Newhall***

Varsity Girls Tennis - Front Row: Leslie Coello, Eric Moreno, Kim Spoa, Kathy Rea. **Back Row:** Katy Ballas, Liz Cattani, Abbey Kay, Erin Jedlikowski, Stephanie Iwan, Meagan Husted.

JUNIOR VARSITY TENNIS

Home		Opp.
3	Highland	2
2	Lake Central	3
2	Boone Grove (Varsity)	3
1	Crown Point	4
4	Chesterton	1
4	Hobart	1
3	Merrillville	2
2	Munster	3
2	Michigan City	4
0	LaPorte	5
4	East Chicago Central	0
2	Andrean	3
2	Valparaiso	3
3	Griffith	0

Season Record
6-7

VARSITY TENNIS

Home		Opp.
3	Highland	2
3	Lake Central	2
4	Hanover Central	1
3	Whiting	2
3	Michigan City	2
1	Crown Point	4
4	Chesterton	1
5	Hobart	0
0	Merrillville	5
0	Munster	5
2	Michigan City	3
2	LaPorte	3
3	Fort Wayne Dwenger	2
3	Michigan City Marquette	2
1	South Bend	4
4	East Chicago Central	1
0	Andrean	5
0	Valparaiso	5
5	Griffith	0

Season Record
10-9

Senior Kim Spoa uses her back hand swing while partner Junior Liz Cattani stands alert. The two often played in doubles matches together. "It's really rare to find a partner you can play with, and play well," Spoa said. • ***Michelle Kniola***

Sophomore Natalie Kirincic returns the ball to her opponent. Each player had her own game strategies, such as playing near to the net or toward the back line. • ***Michelle Kniola***

Girls Junior Varsity Tennis Front Row: Yvette Vasquez, Rachel Fink, Sarah Kruger, Candice Weinman, Michelle Williams. **Row 2:** Dani Barnett, Jessica Sander, Courtney Wallace, Melissa Hansell, Dana Rogers, Tanya Cuppy, Leslie Coello. **Back Row:** Abbey Kay, Natalie Kirincic, Candace Crockett, Melinda Hansell, Mrs. Nancy Olivatto.

Sophomores Candace Crockett and Cassie Mateo take a break with a box of crackers. The pair shared their blanket to try to keep warm because several matches were played in cold weather. Two with temperatures under 40 degrees. • ***Michelle Kniola***

Girls track team breezes to second at conference

They come to the line with a blank stare in their eyes. The adrenaline begins bursting through their veins. That lonely feeling begins to sink in ... BANG! The runners surge past the crowd in a violent rush of speed and emotion. Just another day at the office for the girls track team.

Crossing the finish line, sophomore Gretchen Circle strides it out. Circle posted a time of 16.2 in the 100 meter hurdles. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

The girls struggled at the start of the season, losing to both Michigan City and Chesterton before defeating LaPorte and Hobart at a duel meet on April 29.

The girls lost one more meet the rest of the season, but pulled together a winning record at 4-3.

"At the start of the season, we weren't worried about the wins and loses. We were just worried about working hard every day. I think we did a nice job of that this season," Coach Mark Harsha said.

"We had to get used to the different intensity levels, but it created more camaraderie between the teams. It was more like a family," Harsha said.

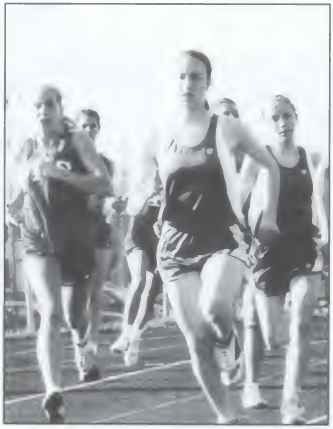
The coaches felt it may be this family atmosphere that propelled this team past several ranked teams at the DAC conference meet.

Although they struggled during the regular season to a 4-3 record, it was the postseason where the performances began to shine. Junior Kathy Ostrander led the Indians at the conference meet, winning the MVP in the field events as well as taking first in the discus.

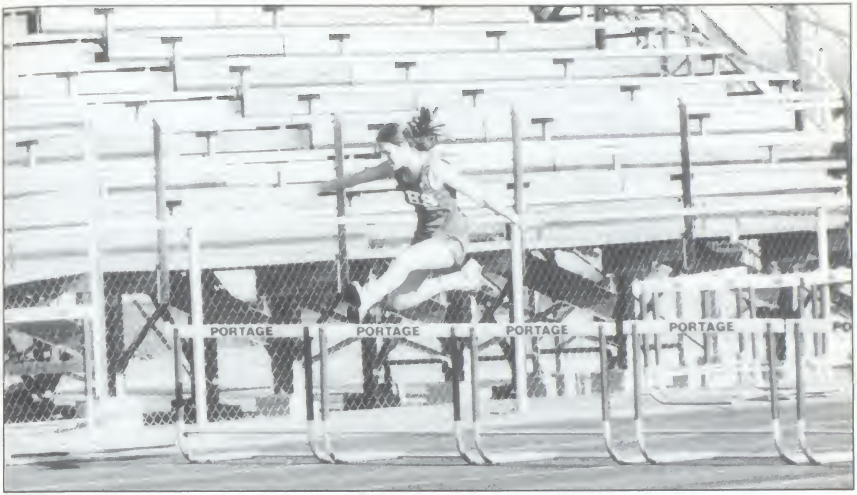
The conference meet also included many second place finishers inclucing: sophomore Melissa Smith in the 400, junior Cheryl Flach, seniors Joy Krejci and Becky Easton and freshman Nyauna Joiner also took second in the 4x100.

The girls also had a lot of success in the state tournament; Ostrander, who took sixth in the state in the shot put, was the only state qualifier for the team, but the team finished second at sectional. •***Matt Welches***

Gaining ground, sophomore Jackie Frechette works to keep pace. Frechette was a member of the 4x800 relay team that set a school record. The team posted a time of 9:58. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***



Girls Track Front Row: Jessica Wireman, Elizabeth Bobb, Melissa Smith, Tessie Frechette, Dollie Boyle, Jamie Wolfe, Katie Wampler, Pam Smith, Amber Reynolds, Gretchen Circle, Stephanie Williams, Carrie Rake, Cassie Pendleton, Ilsa Conover, Jawanza Williams. **Row 2:** Susie Fogle, Christine Paunicka, Jackie Frechette, Amy Wright, Jessica Grant, Lindsay Easton, Becky Easton, Meagan Gerkin, Amanda Palmateer, April Samuels, Ryen Dohner, Jennifer Christian, Katherine Ivey, Kathy Ostrander, Nerissa Robertson. **Back Row:** Ana Villanueva, Amanda Potts, Julie Thomas, Nikki Warwick, Monica Essig, Nyauna Joiner, Tara Simmons, Natalie Fornari, Katie Kester, Jaletta Kalman, Michelle Batista, Joy Krejci, Marcy Greer, Elizabeth Bunker, Michelle Vaught, Becky Hall, Kristin Danskin, Denisa Hobgood.



One last practice run, freshman Jaletta Kalman goes over the hurdles during warm ups. Kalman was one of the many freshman on the team. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Warming up before a meet, freshman Nyauna Joiner jogs around the track. Joiner was part of the 4 x 100 team that took second at conference. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

GIRLS TRACK

VARSITY

Home		Opp.
42	Michigan City\	10
	Merrillville	104
51	Chesterton	72
101	Hobart\	20
	LaPorte	35
52.5	Crown Point\	45
	Valparaiso	58.5

Northrop Invitational
15th
DAC
second
Sectional
second
Regional
ninth

Season Record
4-3

Standing in company with seven other runners, senior Ryan McGuffey takes off for the finish line at the Regional track meet in his 100 meter dash preliminary. About 20 meters into the race, McGuffey stumbled, but came back to win his seat in the final run. The meet was an IHSAA meet that was held at Valparaiso High School. Valparaiso was one the track team's more revered rivals.
• ***Joseph Durk***

Boys track team races year to end, with titles galore

With one calloused hand, he wipes the perspiration of his forehead as the other grips the shot put. He draws back in position, releases and, THUMP! The beat up, heavy ball rolls a few inches after it lands on the saturated earth.

Just after their race, senior Tom Taylor and sophomore Jeff Zeha talk to a newspaper reporter about their win over all the schools in the 1,600 meter run finals. Taylor took first place, with Zeha following seconds behind in second place. The two runners were the only Portage members in that race.
• ***Joseph Durk***

That was how one shot putter was seen the day before the heavily anticipated Regional track meet; the meet that would see who would go onto the state level or not.

After four years of practice and hard work, senior Scott Misner did not make it.

"It was OK. It was still better than last year," Misner said. "For the past four years, I've had a lot of practice."

But with Misner being a senior, he participated in his graduation ceremony; those senior members who went to the State track meet did not get to participate because the meet was on the same day.

Senior Tom Taylor, who ran the 1,600 meter run with sophomore Jeff Zeha, decided at the beginning of the season he was going to his final track meet in high school. He said that both were important, but he was not going to pass up his only high school graduation.

Senior Ryan McGuffey was undecided about whether or not to go about three days before the meet, but decided he would run with his teammates, who included seniors Jeremy Lewis, Steve Lugo and juniors Jonny Lewis and Bryan Lucas (Lucas was the alternate).

Throughout the year, some runners emerged as strong and felt that they had a great year.

"I had a great year," sophomore Dan Rubalcava said. "I ran very well with a lot of hard work. And when everyone gets along, we race better."

Coming out of middle school, some runners might have gotten intimidated by the more strict regimen of high school athletics, but one did not.

"I met a lot of my goals, as well as the team," freshman Mike Halashak said. "I'm also very proud of my accomplishments and being able to run with such a great team."

When faced with the question of how the team was, some coaches respond instantly, but one coach was hesitant to respond.

Coach John Kappes was speechless and took a few minutes, but said, "These athletes have been an outstanding group to work with. They were a great mixture of people that raced and bonded really well.

After all the hard work throughout the season, the boys track team ended its season with its second consecutive DAC and a 6-1 regular season record. The team was also sectional and regional champions, while the junior varsity team was conference champions and runners up in the Rensselaer Invite.

The record season just added to the boys track team's trophy case more titles and championships.
• ***Joseph Durk***

Getting mentally prepared, junior Bryan Lucas finds his footing before the gun shot at a track meet. Lucas normally ran 110 meter high hurdles, but was an alternate for the 4x100 meter relay team at the state meet. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

During his 110 meter high hurdles race, senior EZ Olmo staggers as he crosses the finish line. Olmo ran his race on home turf at the Portage Relays, in which the Indians took the championship. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

With stopwatches in hand, parents of the boys track team time the races. Some faculty members were also parents of the racers, such as Mr. Andrew Halashak, who was freshman Mike Halashak's father. Mr. Ralph Mundt did the announcing at most meets as well. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Boys Golf hits it right on the tee

"Fore!" yells the Boys Golf member across the links. A member of the Boys Golf team drives the ball toward the pin, hoping for the uncommon and ever elusive hole in one. His fellow teammates loudly cheer on his good shot as they watch the ball fly over the fairway.

During a practice junior Mike Martinez tees off. Each player hopes to have good one inorder to start on the right foot. The boys golf team lost their last match to take third in the DAC.

Although all the members of the team took their sport seriously, they were not greeted with any of the fanfare, like pep rallies, newspaper reporters, bon fires, encouraging cheerleaders, or huge crowds watching their matches. The players on the Boys Golf team played solely for their love of the game.

The team had several goals as a whole during the season, one of which was to compete well in the Duneland Conference. The team finished the DAC season with a three point loss to Michigan City, giving the Wolves No. 2 in the conference and dropping the Indians down to third place. The team was looking forward to sectional play hoping for a high rank. The team advanced through sectionals and was defeated in a regional match.

The Boys Golf team's home course was Robinhurst on McCool Road. Senior Andrew Elderkin whose father managed the course said, "My father running the course helps a little with my game, but it is also sort of bad because I have to work there all summer."

While some Boys Golf members were only along for the ride during their high school years others, who were extremely dedicated to the game, played all summer in hopes of a greater high school season and possibly playing while attending college. "I am going to finish high school golfing and hopefully I will receive a scholarship to play somewhere in college," junior Mike Martinez said.

Overall the team was pleased with their accomplishments, but felt they could have done better.

• ***Katy Ballas***

Varsity Boys Golf - Ben McBroom, Jim Selvage, Nick Ladra, Andrew Elderkin, Mike Martinez.

JUNIOR VARSITY GOLF

Home		Opp
197	Kankakee Valley	215
197	Andrean	193
193	Boone Grove	220
193	Hanover Central	226
189	Highland	207
160	Michigan City	154
160	Merriville	168
182	Hobart	188
182	Crown Point	173
194	LaPorte	174
194	Valparaiso	175
167	Chesterton	173
193	Hobart	207
193	LaPorte	179
193	Valparaiso	179

Season Record
8-7

Looking to sink his putt, senior Andrew Elderkin, studies the hole carefully before taking his shot. Elderkin played on the Boys Golf team since he was a freshman.

VARSITY GOLF

Home		Opp
188	Kankakee Valley	171
188	Andrean	156
166	Boone Grove	174
179	Munster	165
	Twin Lake Invitational	
	11th place	
172	Lowell	172
172	Hanover Central	170
164	Highland	175
167	Michigan City	157
167	Merrillville	179
155	Hobart	156
155	Crown Point	154
158	LaPorte	159
158	Valparaiso	168
154	Chesterton	158
153	Hobart	171
153	Chesterton	161
184	Crown Point	164
184	Merrillville	205
174	LaPorte	177
174	Valparaiso	172
	DAC Conference	
	3rd place	

Season Record
11-11-1

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During the National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony, senior Dana Rogers watches as junior Ben Hoffman signs his name to the Portage roster of members. Throughout the year, NHS put on the first ever haunted house inside the closed Ms. Today store in the Portage Commons, went to Minneapolis, Minn., for the national convention and took a field trip to see the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio.

Chem Team members discuss the results of a demonstration. The Chem Team presented several demonstrations during the year, one of which was the annual Chemistry Day at Adler Planetarium in Chicago.

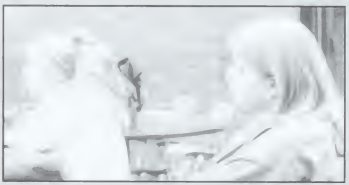
During a general meeting on the Thursday before Spring Break, SADD\STOP president senior Joe Durk brainstorms with the members about ideas concerning Post Prom. The Post Prom was organized by SADD\STOP, the junior class and Parents, Students, Community Together (P.S.C.T.) • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Experimenting with SADD

It's a sight everyone has seen either on T.V. or in the daily news. A car accident claims yet another life.

This may have been a faceless name to some, but to others, they were a friend or a relative. Many of these tragic deaths were teenagers.

SADD\STOP (Students Against Drunk Driving\Students Taking On Problems) was a group of students dedicated to taking this problem head on. For nine years, SADD\STOP has worked with students to fight against teen alcohol problems. The organization discouraged students from driving while under the influence of drugs and alcohol.



Listening to the president state the business of the meeting, sophomores Rachel Fink and Danielle Toczek sit in the South Cafeteria. The meeting was about Celebrate Life, which was a convocation that occurred during second and third hours on Prom day. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

SADD\STOP met about once every two weeks. In a typical meeting, "We discuss upcoming events, we express our thoughts and ideas, and give committee reports," junior Jennie Zielinski said.

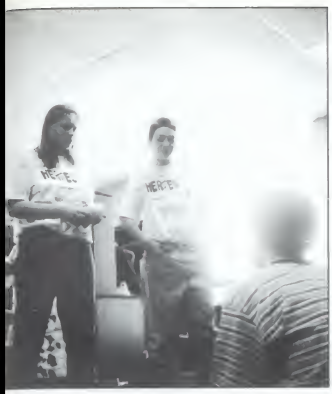
SADD\STOP did many activities throughout the year and was involved in the community. Zielinski said the most enjoyable part of SADD\STOP was being involved in the activities. The year's activities included "Day of the Living Dead," "Celebrate Life" and Post Prom.

One of the many ways SADD\STOP was helping the community was through a program called High School Heroes. During this program, high school students gave up their class time and a few hours on the weekend to speak with fifth graders about the dangers of smoking.

Another organization aimed at helping the community was ChemTeam.

"Some shows are for children and we teach them simple chemistry while doing interesting labs," junior Missy Bedroya said.

The team's goals were to teach chemistry while making it fun for everyone. "We also try to not set things on fire by practicing safe science," Bedroya said. • ***Matt Welches***



During the foam lung demonstration of the High school Heroes presentation, sophomore Brandi Heyse and freshman Chris Sewell show fifth graders at Crisman Elementary School the abuse of one cigarette on the lungs. The program was not geared at telling students they are bad if they smoke, but instead that smoking makes them sick. • ***Joseph Durk***

Demonstrating her knowledge of chemistry, junior Abbey Kay helps a young student out during a Chem Team show. The Chem Team's goals were to teach chemistry while making it fun.

Before school, junior Keri Ann Baldridge and sophomore Vicenta Chagoya gather their flowers to post on their lockers for the Day of the Living Dead. The program was geared at raising awareness of the effects of drinking and driving. • ***Joseph Durk***

SADD\STOP - Front Row: Kristi Hesseltine, Vicenta Chagoya, Kristel Hammerstein, Peggy Shelton, Joe Durk, Megan Cleary, Rhonda Woodke, Nicole Demarco, Chris Sewell, Kristi Breyfogle, Ryan Brewster. **Row 2:** Deanna Zych, Margaret Opolski, Cameron Kelley-Johnson, Jennifer Pisinski, Pam Smith, Brandi Heyse, Keri Ann Baldridge, Kris Hasselgreen. **Back Row:** Fawnda Burlingame, Eric Curiel, Brian Conner, Danyalle Tozcek, Tricia Rogala, Jenny Fekete, Melissa Smith, Rob Covington, Cathy Zielinskoi, Jim Crowley, Katy Ballas.

Receiving her award, junior Erin Johnston is congratulated by Principal Mr. Richard Kirchner. NHS members must have a minimum GPA of 3.3.

Looking at her computer screen, junior Kathy Rea works on her spring break spread. Rea was president of Quill and Scroll for second semester. • ***Joseph Durk***

National Honor Society - Front Row: Cory Sizemore, Larry Massey, Mike Manske, Donald Woodke, Matt Crizer, Alex Curiel, Adam Woynaroski, Luke Weinman, Ryan Sweeney, Mr. Dennis Norman, Brent Ksenak, Tim Nush, Jason Copeland, Brian Conner, Daniel Barajas, Gabriel Chaddock, Jayson Sayer, Charlie Greer. **Row 2:** Liz Mirr, Jeannette Hernandez, Joy Krejci, Missy Lilly, Marissa Anderson, Kristen Lee, Dessa Lewandowski, Sonja Sturges, Mignon Montpetit, Dana Rogers, Brandon Miller, Stephanie Sandor, Ryan Van Auken, Ed Recktenwall, Heather Ciesielski, Margaret Opolski, Leah Bodnar, Derek Demmon. **Row 3:** Keli Schmidt, Kristal Hammerstein, Tessie Prechette, Jackie Mrak, Megan Edmonds, Cyndi Hatala, Ryan McGuffey, Kristin Zurcher, Melissa Virden, Heather Andryuk, Sydney Hodsden, Matt Atherton, Jill Murray, Sarah Natalie, Misty Oatsvall, Becky Easton, Joe Ring, David King, Tony Racich, Tim Green. **Row 4:** Kim Robinson, Megan Wendt, Katie Schott, Laura Zielinski, Elaine Geeting, Mary Brown, Melissa Fluck, Monica Essig, Lisa Levenson, Nicole Demarco, Heather Cambell, Melissa Spence, Jennifer Mauck, Samantha Hodsden, Jessica Koons, Amber Riley, Nathan Mundt, Tom Taylor, Marcy Greer, Douglas Samuel, Liz Bunker, Heather Bush, Fahad Javed, Holly Blake, Ralfie Hemerski, George Sabo, Kathy Rea, Randi Ritter, Cyndi Grunden, Katy Ballas. **Back Row:** Amy Whitworth, Nicole Smith, Courtney Shebesh, Kim Spoa, Shannon Meyer, Cindy York, Stephanie Iwan, Wendy York, Leslie Coello, Elizabeth Cattani, Chris Chapman, Erin Johnston, Stephanie Waugh, Genanne Voynovich, Kristy Boggs, Katie Siminski, Abigail Kay, Ben Hoffman, Kim Hendley, Laura Owen, Beth Sabin, Katie Jurgenson.

With last minute preparations, NHS sponsor Mr. Dennis Norman and Assistant Principal Mr. Jerry Lasky are getting for ready for the NHS induction ceremony. NHS members had an induction ceremony in the fall.

Foreign Language Honor Society - Front Row: Andrea Skafish, Jeanine Ibrahim, Melissa Fluck, Emily Craighead, Erin Austgen, Marissa Vallejo, Lisa Morrisroe. **Row 2:** Joe Hunt, Randi Ritter, Amanda Palmateer, Jessica Sandor, Cassie Mateo, Denise Carpenter, Jennie Zielinski, Alex Curiel. **Row 3:** Shawna Carter, Julie Racich, Kristina Teso, Eric Curiel, Tiffany Stewart, Krissy Manion, Melissa Oliver. **Row 4:** Derek Demmon, Renee Dutcher, Tim Nush, Marcy Greer, Valeree Nestorovich, Lisa Levan, Lindsay Easton, Natalie Kirinsic, Leticia Macias, Ben Hoffman. **Back Row:** Bryan Hunt, Jason Copeland, Joe Ring, Josh Vaught, Elaine Geeting, Mike Passarelli, Bradley Green, Ryan Mason, Ryan Fisher.

Quill and Scroll - Front Row: Mary Green. **Row 2:** Joseph Durk, Missy Bedroya. **Back Row:** Kathy Rea, Genanne Voynovich, Mignon Montpetit.

Working to excel with honor

The Business Professionals of America, National Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society and Quill and Scroll were organizations that honor students could be involved in due to their academic success.

To be eligible for NHS, students had to have a minimum G.P.A of 3.3 and, "Have a good deal of extracurricular activities in school and last and the most important is your involvement in the community," senior Joe Ring said.

One of the projects NHS participated in was the Retired Teachers Hall of Fame.

" The athletes had their hall of fame and those who excel academically had theirs, but there was nothing to remember the teachers who made a difference," Mr. Dennis Norman, NHS sponsor said.

The final decision on the new members was made by some of the following criteria, that they had to teach in Portage for at least 10 years and they had to retire from this school. FLHS was designed to honor those students who exceled in their respecrive language.

Lighting their candles, National Honor Society members take part in the induction ceremony. NHS honors students who excel in the classroom and in the community.

FLHS met only during the induction ceremony.

BPA was a co-curricular activity through the vocational and business departments.

During the last nine weeks of school, BPA students went through an internship. The internships were done through insurance agencies, banks and other office jobs. "It gives the students more training than working at McDonald's," Mrs. Lori Pavell said.

Quill and Scroll was an honor society for journalism students. To be accepted into Quill and Scroll, one must have had a minimum G.P.A. of 2.7 and must have been approved by the current members as well as the staff adviser.

Quill and Scroll helped sell yearbooks as well as organize the annual publications award banquet at the end of the year.

"Quill and Scroll members work exceptionally hard and overall the year went very well," Miss Lori Harris, Quill and Scroll sponsor said. • ***Matt Welches***

Pushing up toward goals

Courage. Honor. Commitment. These "core values" formed the basis the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps used for teaching students to lead succesful lives. The MCJROTC, one of the largest and oldest organizations in the school, taught students about leadership, ethics and working as a group.

For 27 years, the goal of the JROTC program has been to teach students how to be better leaders. Students were required to be involved in community and school projects. They also studied subjects like principles of management, conflict resolution and peer counseling.

But most of all the students learned from each other, because their superiors were also their peers. An integral part of the program was that as students earned promotions, they were given additional authority over their peers. Students were able to look to their classmates for example of how good leaders should behave.

But as seriously as students took the class, much fun was also to be had. Sophomore Kelly Harth recalled a trip to Springfield for a drill meet, "We were having a party in our hotel room. We put cake in her face 'cause it was her birthday."

Moments like these helped students to bond. As sophomore Hope Ewing described JROTC, "It's a family environment."

Sophomore Joseph Tarin also enjoyed being in JROTC. He said that what he would remember most about the program was, "Everybody pulling together and completing a task. Teamwork - lots of teamwork."

• ***Jeremiah Newhall***

The MCJROTC banner is carried down the street as part of the procession for the Homecoming parade. Despite rain, many came to watch. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

ROTC juniors and seniors - Front Row: Sarah Natalie, Alice Russ, Chris Espinoza **Row 2:** Shannon Russum, Jeremy Zeha, Missy Lowe, Jacki Rattray. **Back Row:** Chris Chapman, Greg Mays, Jeff Camp, Tim Gensimore.

Juniors Jackie Rattray, Melissa Lowe and senior Ryan Parker help pay tribute to the students commended in the National Honor Society induction ceremony.

MCJROTC officers carry the star and stripes through the gymnasium for the Homecoming game. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

The MCJROTC participates in the Homecoming parade. Despite poor weather, the ROTC carried the colors for the full length of the parade. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

ROTC - Front Row: Derrick Weednar, Jamie Elvino, Rosalyn Rodriguez, Keith Kerr. **Row 2:** Nina Guernz, Amie Geizler. **Row 3:** Brandon Maupin, Chris Sewell, Jeremy Hastings, Jessie Casper, Robert Dominguez. **Row 4:** Sandra Caudill, Jessica Nixon, Cristina Davies, Amy Hawkins. **Row 5:** Jack Helright, Tom Bingham, Charles Yermach, Bryan McClure, Matthew Farner. **Back Row:** Everett Jewell, Aaron Kalman, Dennis Shea, Matthew Gray, Allen Mirr.

ROTC - Front Row: Madelene Covelli, Richard Rodriguez, Joe Gomez, Hope Ewing, Stephanie Simons. **Row 2:** Lynnette Thompson, Dawn Wright, Phil Treece, Lisa Marie Balash. **Row 3:** Joshua Lusco, Kristin Napier, Devon Lily, Kelli Harth. **Row 4:** James Martus, Andrew Jablonski, Bryan Buckroff, Jason Corbett, Joe Tarrin. **Row 5:** Jared Casias, Nick Byroad, Anthony Stanley, Keith Kerr, Joe Cauley. **Back Row:** Paul Torchia, Tony Vondrasik, Derrick Weidnar, Tony Chapman, Michael Schramm, Brandon Cotton.

Thespians - Front Row: Petra DeJesus, Craig Golbesky. **Row 2:** Ryan Sweeney, Marissa Vallejo, Sam Hodsden, Sydney Hodsden, Pat Sanchez, Andrea Skafish. **Back Row:** Shannon Russom, Marc Milhalik, Cathy Merritt, Kris Hasselgren, Kari-Ann Baldridge, Deanna Zych.

Writers' Block - Front Row: Holly Chinn, Keely Meed. **Row 2:** Renee Dutcher, Heather Danielewicz, Rachel Wilson. **Row 3:** Shannon Strickland, Don Magee, Mrs. Tammy Minks, Conor Smith, Shawn Marjanian. **Back Row:** Shane Connell, Fahad Javed, Nick Lyman, Beth Sabin, Stephanie Sulcer, Kevin Mikaloff, Stephany Colunga, Robin Detterline.

Expressing yourself

Radio broadcasting, discussions and debating are just some of the events in which the speech teams were involved.

"If you like to perform you would love to be on the speech team," Miss Megan Donelli, a speech coach said.

The individual members set up practices at least twice a week.

The team went to different competitions and competed against many other schools debating and giving speeches on many different topics.

"We strive for individual and team success," Mr. Mark Karmel, head debate coach, said.

The speech tournaments gave individual ribbons and also one team trophy.

"A speech competition is not just people giving speeches like you think about when you give in class speeches. The speeches deal with interpreting different types of literature and pros. It's a lot like acting," Donelli said.

The Thespian club is a lot like a drama club and has meetings every month.

To be in this club, students had to have sold ads for the playbill. The club had a Theater Award Banquet in support of the fall drama and spring musical.

"Thespians is a very supportive group who share a love for theater," sophomore Andrea Skafish said.

Senior Marrisa Vallejo reads the announcements over the monitor which was done some days instead of just over the loud speaker. The Speech Team had some of their members read the morning announcements at the beginning of second hour. • ***William Busch***

Writers' Block was another organization that let people express themselves.

The group hosted a spontaneous poetry booth on Valentines Day and also had an Writing/Art Connection where the artist and writers met and the artist created artwork for the writings.

"It's very informal and relaxed," Writers' Block sponsor Mrs. Tammy Minks said.

Meetings were held biweekly on Wednesdays and the group read writings and discussed them.

"The most memorable moments happen during our bi-weekly meetings and, fortunately, are very common," Minks said.

The last meeting was held at Woodland Park and the members just played.

"It's really fun and anyone can come," sophomore Conar Smith said. • ***Cyndi Cochran***

In a scene from the fall play "The Odd Couple" senior Sam Hodsden and freshman Jocelyn Adamski act together. Hodsden was president of the thespian club and has participated in every play and musical since her freshman year. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

The fall play, "The Odd Couple," had a male and female version on different nights. The students put on a fall play and spring musical every year. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Students from the fall play act out a scene where the guys are trying to get Felix a date. Students did not have to be a member of the Thespian Club to audition for a part in the play or musical. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Working toward success

From collecting hundreds of coats and cans to teaching elementary school students leadership skills to keeping watch over clubs to making Latin fun. Student Council, Student Court, Leadership and Latin Club all helped their fellow students and the community in several ways.

Leadership was a class designed to help students develop and use better leadership skills by working with fourth and fifth grade student from Kyle Elementary School. Leadership students learned to work together through several activities run by Mr. Bill Wilke. At the end of the year the students also put on a camp called "Rumble in the Jungle" at Camp Meadow Brook in Valparaiso.

Student Council also helped the community by holding a coat drive and a food drive among other volunteer services. Not only did they help the community but they also helped clubs in the school and Student Council in the surrounding communities by holding several leadership conferences and by having the District One meeting at Portage High School for the first time in eight years. "Anyone who is interested should feel free to join," said junior and State Board Representative for District One Fahad Javed. Behind the Student Council was Mr. Ron Hancock who had been involved in student government for 35 years. "It is an honor and a challenge to work with these kids, and to be a roll model. I hope I don't let them down. Working with them is the highlight of my day," Hancock said.

Sitting down at Camp Meadowbrook in Valparaiso fourth and fifth graders from Kyle Elementary rest after the "Rumble in the Jungle" awards ceremony. The Leadership students gave several awards including best fires and best camper.

Student Council and all clubs and organizations were regulated by a group of students involved in the Student Court. Mr. Jim Douglas was the sponsor who helped Student Court make sure the organizations followed their constitutions. The Student Court was also called upon to make rulings and school activites and happenings.

One of the other organizations that Student Court worked with was Latin Club, which was a club for any student involved in Latin classes to meet and to learn more about the language than what was studied in class.

All the organizations were tied together through the Student Council because the Council invited all organizations to have a representative present at the Councils' meetings. • ***Kathy Rea***

Racing down the hallway senior Joe Ring drags sophomore Kati Wampler by a rubber inner tube around his waist. Latin Club, like many foreign language clubs, had celebrations after school to enhance their learning about the languages they were studying. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Student Council - Front Row: Mr. Ron Hancock, Brandon Miller, Izzy DeJesus, Stephanie Sandor. **Row 2:** Jill Finnerty, Erin Austgen, Ashley Renolds, Alex Lo, Michelle Sparks, Holly Blake, Cathy Zielinski. **Row 3:** Mary Brown, Angel Rodriguez, Jen Rhodus, Erika Lo, Dan Barajas, Aaron Priest, Jennie Zielinski, Mignon Montpetit, Fahad Javed. **Row 4:** James Jacobs, Kristin Zurcher, Missy Hansell, Natalie Kirincic, Mindy Hansell, Brian Conner. **Back Row:** Joe Bloomfield, Marc Samardija, Jospeh Durk, Zach Zagar.

Leadership - Front Row: Luke Weinman, Ryan McGuffey, Eric Erway, Mike Wall, Mr. Bill Wilke. **Row 2:** Sonja Sturges, Holly Blake, Sarah Johnson, Melissa Mongoven, Cristine Chandler. **Row 3:** Megan Edmonds, Juan Hinojosa, Jill Kozrowski, Nikki Floyd, Tom Taylor, Nicole Easton, Andy Berger. **Row 4:** Derinda Smith, Katie Jurgenson, Beth Sabin, Courtney Shebesh, Nathan Mundt, Bob Witt, Jeff Knapp. **Back Row:** Joe Durk, Abbey Kay, Chris Espinoza.

Latin Club - Row 1: Mr. William Schott, Kati Wampler, Kristen Zurcher, Alex Lo. **Row 2:** Mini Montpetit, Danni Barnett, Stephanie Sandor, Lisa Stanley, Genette Hernandez. **Row 3:** Tim Nush, Joe Ring, Micah Borenstien, Jeremy Buckner.

Standing in the West hallway during the district one meeting, senior Joe Hunt bribes students from Boone Grove High School with a Blow Pop if they act silly. District One was a meeting in which the Student Councils from Jasper, LaPorte, Lake and Porter counties met to exchange ideas. • ***Joseph Durk***

During the Flag Ceremony, members from different Kyle Elementary School classes spoke of the American flag and its ceremonial duties. The Leadership students made learning fun for the campers by planning several activities and cooking an abundance of food.

Performing with pride

The months of preparation in class and nights of determination at home to memorize and perfect the music finally pays off as the audience members take their seats in front of the formally dressed music students. Looking out at family and friends with last minute reminders about the performance fresh in mind, the students prepare for the concert.

Through the combined leadership of Mr. William Timmerman, Concert Band director and Mr. Robert Symer, Symphonic Band director the bands learned, among other things, "to play all major scales along with the minors and learned to improve in rythmic accuracy in tonation," junior Abbey Kay said.

The band program sent its students to several contests and performances. "The competitions are hard because you have to concentrate to play everything right with no mistakes," junior Debbie Lesko said.

Symphonic Band was more difficult than Concert Band and many Concert Band students strove to achieve a spot in Symphonic Band. "I am looking forward to Symphonic Band and expanding my knowledge of music," junior Cathy Zielinski said.

Practicing with her fellow band members senior Kristie Gilmore plays her flute. Members of Symphonic Band met during second mod while the Concert Band meet during first mod. Both bands practiced for several performances including Festival. • ***Joseph Durk***

A change in leadership occurred when Mr. Raymond Grivetti retired at the end of the first semester with Mrs. Carol Carleson replacing him as the new director. "Mr. Grivetti was really good, we all loved him. Mrs. Carleson is doing a great job setting up new things in class and she challenges us a lot," sophomore Cheryl Guzikowski said.

Like years in the past, there were no tryouts for the orchestra or band programs and some students felt that created problems, "I don't like that people that don't want to be there [in a music class] are in higher orchestras or bands, it brings down the whole band," senior Michelle Harman said. Some members felt that since the orchestras were so large if the teachers knew each individual student better, than class might run smoother. "If I could, I would make it so there's more one to one interactions between teachers and students," Kay said.

After performances the students felt relieved and excited. "When I get a new piece I like that challenge and when I get through it. It's great!" Sophomore Dani Barnett said. Guzikowski agreed adding, "The music is the best when it finally comes together with all the instruments, there lots of good feelings when we finish a performance." • ***Kathy Rea***

During second hour the Symphonic Band practices for their next performance as their director, Mr. William Timmerman, looks on. The members were expected to practice during school and at home. • ***Joseph Durk***

Concert Orchestra - First Row: Mrs. Carol Carleson, Vicenta Chagoya, Alex Lo, Elizabeth Collins, Natalie Kitchen, Genise Britton, Erin Nolan, Julie Peters, Danijela Gazibara, Erica Lo, Tammy Chadwick, Ryan Johnston. **Row 2:** Mrs. Cynthia Schnabel, Allison Mendez, Jennifer Byroad, Cassie Ogden, Ashlie DeHaven, Amanda Pirowski, Heather Jaques, Eileen Craighead, Dave Brajcki, Matt Hutchins, Doug Blouir. **Row 3:** Garrett Clough, Brian Overbey, Rich Piazza, Chrissy Lawrence, Jennifer Sauri, Kari Tharp, Lisa Webster, Jennifer Chelf, Chuck Kuntz. **Back Row:** Richard Banke, James Kallimani, Matt LaSayko, Chris Rodgers, Tova Henson-Gajdik, Jessica Wayte, Danny Barnett, Shaina Pelot, Valerie Borg, Lindsay Perryman, Mandy Stanton.

Sitting up in her chair and holding on to her tuba, senior Michelle Harman plays a song in tune with her fellow Symphonic Band members. Many students joined band or orchestra during middle school and continued it during their high school career. • ***Joseph Durk***

Symphonic Orchestra - First Row: Mrs. Carol Carleson, Erin Johnston, Mandi Bartok, Theresa Lavendusky, Julie Lochmondy, Cindy Grunden, Wendy Hammond, Dana Rogers, Karin Zurcher, Lisa Levenson, Heather Andryuk, Becky Elliott, Shannon Liesch, Sarah Bradford, Angel Chavez. **Row 2:** Stephanie Santos, Melissa Spence, Jessica Lach, Cheryl Guzikowski, Kelli Paviadakis, Chris Komenda, James Selvage, Joe Rodarte, George Burchuk, Amanda Flanagan, Amber Hammond, Tressa Sabo, Amanda Pilipovich, Jessica Sandor, Emmanouel Fokianos, Laura Owen. **Row 3:** Robyn Detterline, Katie Parduhn, Tracey Corey, Candace Crockett, Cheryl Flach, Doug Lewandowski, Jason Pratt, Kim DeBoe, Jacob Wood, Tiffanie Haburjak, Cathy Marsh, Amber Holeman, Stefanie Iwan. **Back Row:** Kristin Zurcher, Jimmy Gilbert, Jeff Zeha, Kathy Dick, Paul Shinneman, Craig Stafford, Joe Holloway, Tommy Mitchell, Sarah Sloan, Joe Bloomfield, Heather Ciesielski, Jim Lucas, Kevin Wallskog, Gabriel Chaddock.

During their band class, seniors Jeremy Kaiser and Jason Copeland hit their notes on their trombones. There were several different instrument sections in Symphonic Band. • ***Joseph Durk***

Making it loud and clear

Breathing and posture are two of the important factors that the choirs used to sound as good as they can each day.

The choir department consists of Concert Choir, Symphonic Choir, Girls Glee, Choraliers and Freshman Girls Concert Choir.

The head of the choir department had changed, Mrs. Wendy Riggs who replaced Mr. Warren Miller as the choir director.

Many students felt she had a positive impact on the program.

"The choir has come a long way since the start of school under her direction," junior Lisa Crouch said.

Students joined the choir for many reasons, some joined because they have sung for a long time. Others did because they enjoyed performing in front of an audience some, like junior Elaine Geeting, joined "because I needed an art/drama/music credit in order to graduate with an Academic Honors Diploma."

Sophomores Andrea Skafish, Erin Austgen and Tizsa Kornafel, practice the hand jive for a future performance. Skafish has been in musicals in and out of school since before her freshman year and played the role of Oz in the spring musical, "The Wiz." • ***Joseph Durk***.

Every choir that participated in the ISSMA choir contest achieved first places. The Symphonic Choir received a No. 1 rating on the sight reading portion of the contest and received a small bonus during the awards at the end of the day.

Every year, members of the choir program don best voices and try out for the spring musical, several choir students made the musical "The Wiz." The musical was performed April 24-26. • ***Katy Ballas***

The choiraliers practice one of their routines for their upcoming performance. The choiraliers combined both singing and dancing in each of their performances • ***Melissa Mongoven***

Freshman Girls Concert Choir - Front Row: Amber Durfee, Shannon Sandlin, Jamie Wolfe, Tiffany Lee, Megan Van Auken, Marina Mendez. **Row 2:** Janessa Buckmaster, Kellie Wineinger, Chrystal Greenwell, Rachel Vallejo, Josleyn Strom, Carol Hollaway, Amanda Mangual, Shamiah Carroll, Valerie Borg, Emily Henke, Jennifer Hallmen. **Row 3:** Angela Roberts, Aasia Malik, Samantha Sponsel, Tiffany Castagna, Jen Rhodus. **Row 4:** Vicky Cummings, Trisha Hedgepeth, Cristy Schwei, Tabitha Lee. **Row 5:** Katie Foster, Julie Lochmondy, Valerie Warner, Heather Vondrasek, Heidi Durkin. **Back Row:** Tresa Sabo, Holly Klingensmith, Kelly Pokorney, Emily Hunt, Daniell0e Cresap, Jamie Conn, Tara Cardenas, Stephanie Altieri, Jennifer Abbott, Megan McLeod, Amy Barwig, Cindy Howard, Rhonda McQueary.

Symphonic Choir - Front Row: Tiffany Stewart, Andrea Skafish, Ashley Reynolds, Kris Hasselgren,Tony Banks, Bryan Conger, Stephanie Sulcer, Erin Austgen, Michelle Hostettler, Marissa Vallejo. **Row 2:** Tizsa Karnafel, Jocelyn Adamski, Meaghen Hostettler, Amber Bogold, Skip Hilzley, James Jacobs, Joaquin Bedolla Jr., Keri-Ann Baldridge, Samantha Hodsden, Megan Cleary, Rhonda Woodke. **Back Row:** Kimberly Dudek, Valeree Nestorovich, Deanna Zych, Michelle Sparks, Nathanial Clough, Jim Crowley, Larry Foster, Robert Oakes, Amanda Siroky, Mellisa Dolby, Megan Gideon Nelson.

Choraliers - Front Row: Tizsa Kornafel, Ashley Reynolds. **Row 2:** Jessie McKee, Samantha Hodsden, Tiffany Stewart. **Row 3:**Kris Hasselgren, Marissa Vallejo.**Back Row:**Kimberly Dudek, Bryan Conger, Megan Gideon Nelson, Skippy Hilzley, Petra DeJesus.

Learning the Hand Jive, members of the second hour Symphonic Choir practice to the dance from the musical "Grease." On May 31, the 50th edition of Choraliers presented a program called "An Evening with the Choraliers" in the East Auditorium. Senior Bryan Conger said, "We will be singing several songs, but the most looked forward to is 'American Pop,' by Mark Brymer, a 30 minute song that highlights rock and roll from 1950 to present." • ***Joseph Durk***

Concert Choir - Front Row: Liz Wireman, Michelle Blank, Rachelle Ashby, Kirk Lyons, Tony Scalone, Angie Lewis, Amy Cook, Brandi Ebling, Cari Daniel. **Row 2:** Heather Bennet, Cassie Hendon, Pamela Tometczak, Jeremy Lyons, John Hrisofos, Mike Miller, Heather Golec, Jessica Kroledge, Priscilla Ratigan, Genita Steininger, Stacy Iliff.**Row 3:** Holly Hufstetler, Kim Carpenter, Melissa Reiley, Shaun Marjanian, Josh Shope, Pierre Sosa, Sarah Sasseville, Tasha Osborn, Teresa Nichols, Corrine Munoz, Erin Fitzgerald, Krissy Pall.**Back Row:** Julie Edgerton, Jennifer Powers, Denisa Hobgood, Frances Tibbits, Scott Swier, Josh Denny, Dale Fancher, Nick Rogers, Jennifer Kozak, Elaine Geeting, Lisa Crouch, Gina Koenemann, Kristina Yates.

Girls Glee - Front Row: Misty Coleman, Natasha Erdelin, Marisa Flores, Richelle Ashbey, Krista King, Stacy Weimer, Andrea Connelly, Kristi Teso, Kimberly Deboe. **Row 2**: Loretta Jacobs, Clodiua Tufaga, Lydia Gonzalez, Liz Singleton, Sebrina Leto, Dawn Tucker, Stephanie Smock.**Row 3:** Heather Jaques, Heather Kilgore, Erana Torres, Stefanie Ragon, Jessica Kroledge. **Row 4:**Heather Bush, Rachel Grant, Irena Pavlova, Rachel Hood, Tiana Lugo, Laura Gonzalez, Jen Martinez.**Row 5:** Sara Thatcher, Melissa Lloyd, Emily Craighead, Alice Farr, Lisa Cohen. **Back Row:** Manda Potts, Melissa Dolby, Tiffany Woods, Petra DeJesus, Jessica Becke, Brandi Heyse, Tiana Hardesty, Jesse McKee, Shannon Longmore, Kelly Buhman, Amanda Hise, Brandi Jones

Following their performance of the spring musical "The Wiz," cast members walk together on stage for their curtain call. Many members of the cast were also in the school's various choirs. • ***Joseph Durk***

The Jazz Band rehearses for an upcoming performance. The Jazz Band played for numerous concerts and contests, including a special concert in the commons called, "Spring Swing." *• Michelle Kniola*

Juniors Brooke Chirilla and Ryan Bull practice with the Jazz Band. Both students said they enjoyed working with Mr. Robert Symer. "He knows how to work with kids," Bull said. *• Michelle Kniola*

Lab Band I - Front Row: Jason Pomales, Jennifer Hertaus, Nerissa Robertson, Brandon Rainwater, Meredith Wilburn, Megan Piddington. **Row 2:** Sofia Cornejo, Kristyn Herrold, Sarah Childers, Vince Lusk, Amanda Jamieson. **Back Row:** John Hrisofos, Stephen Wilson, Erik Vancleef, Alvino Jamie, Rob Covington.

Lab Band II - Front Row: Christina Shwei, Michelle Blank, Nick Karris, Kelly Kirk, Angela Roberts, Sebrina Leto, Theresa Russell, Kristin Danskin, Kristi Breyfogle. **Row 2:** Tracy Zanganas, Stephanie Lowe, Angela Espinoza, Lisa Lombardi, Michael Szentesy, Michelle Williams, Emily Hunt, Dennis Cimbalevich, Heather Vondrasek, Sarah Eyermann, Bethany Kane. **Row 3:** Patricia Peyton, Matt Beardsley, Brian Zingo, Kelli Maynard, Jennifer Andrews, Ryan Johnston, Diane Zenci, Kelli Pokorney, Jennifer Morrisoe, Stephany Colunga, Roxanne Kreig. **Back Row:** Chad Copeland, Joe Voye, Jeremy Vallo, Jennifer Hallmen, Neil Sly, Sara Thatcher, Nathan Rubalcava, Aaron Priest, Kathy Garris, Erik Carpenter, Tammy Chadwick, Jeff Williams, Aimee Acosta, Sarah Alsman.

Jazz Band I - Front Row: Marcus Gilbert, Kevan Watson, Liz Cattani, Megan Wendt, Mike Childs, Carlos Diaz. **Row 2:** Mr. Robert Symer, Ted Najzer, Scott Moelil, Michelle Harman, John Ray, Ron Boozer, Jeremy Kaiser. **Back Row:** Gabriel Chaddock, Tricia Muniz, Debbie Lesko, Toby Provins, Danielle Pickart, Deanna Zych.

Jazz Band II - Front Row: Angel Chavez. **Row 2:** Ryan Bull, Jason Ray, Nicole Startup, Leslie Coello, Aaron Finco, Cameron Kelly-Johnson, Brooke Chirila. **Row 3:** Paul Shinneman, Ken Cheney, Erik Carpenter, Kyle DiStone. **Back Row:** Mr. Robert Symer, Joe Bloomfield, Rob Covington, Kevin Kosovick, Brian Zingo, Derek Ferguson, Becky Reibly, Jeff Williams.

Banding together with music

The conductor swiftly raises his baton and stands frozen, waiting. The audience falls silent, as the musicians prepare to play. In that hushed, volatile moment before a performance begins, audience and musicians alike are vivified; made a part of the life and energy of their music. This is the scene for a Jazz or Lab Band performance.

The Lab Band, directed by Mr. Troy Webdell, was a chance for student musicians to learn by playing in a group. The two Lab Bands performed for concerts, contests and special events throughout the year.

The Lab Band combines with members of the Concert and Symphonic Bands to form the Marching Band. The Marching Band performed for sporting events and special occasions during the course of the year.

The Jazz Band, directed by Mr. Robert Symer, was unique because it specialized in jazz music. "Jazz is a multi-cultural and interdisciplinary music," Symer said.

Besides playing at other concerts, the Jazz Band had an annual music festival all its own called "Spring Swing". Held in the commons, "Spring Swing" was a chance for the Jazz Band to show their talent to the community.

The music programs gave students a chance to hone and display their abilities for others. "It was an opportunity to play my guitar for an hour during the day in school," junior Ryan Bull said.

• Jeremiah Newhall

The flute section for Lab Band 2 rehearses during school. The Lab Bands had to spend extracurricular time for the many contests and performances. ***• Michelle Kniola***

Coming together to shine

Marching and PIBB (Portage Indians Basketball Band) bands practiced back to back under the direction of Mr. Troy Webdell. During March, the marching band started rehearsing for there season which lasts until November when PIBB took over and rehearsed until March.

The marching band practiced over the summer in three week-long camps. The marching band played at all of the home football games and performed during halftime. Not only did themarching band play at the games, but they also went to several competitions between marching bands from other schools.

"They had never won anything until the past couple years they have won several things [this year]," Webdell said. The band had won various first places and caption awards.

Duroing half-time, the marching band plays pieces that Mr. Troy Webdell chooses. Marching band started practicing early in the year everyday during the week in the summer to prepare for football season and annual competitions. • *Courtney Pierce*

The band had different sections, which had specific instructors but then all of the sections would come together as one with Webdell.

"Students are working harder and harder each year it gets better and better performance quality and they have higher expectations," Webdell said.

"Marching band was a lot of fun because we got to travel to different states almost every weekend," freshman Kelly Kirk said.

The PIBB was more of a band for people to just come and play. The band did not travel or go to competitions but did play at the home basketball games .

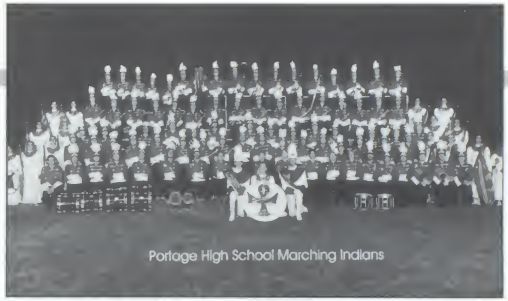
Each game played had a different theme for the band. This meant that for every game the members would dress to resemble the theme. Some of them included Elvis night, Christmas night, and red and white.

• *Cyndi Cochran*

During halftime, seniors Cheryl Blackburn and Lisa Butala rest between their playing times. Marching band provided the halftime entertainment at the home football games. • *Courtney Pierce*

At a basketball game, senior Donald Woodke plays his saxophone with other members of the PIBB. The PIBB played music every other time out and before and after the games from the west balcony in the East Gym. • *Courtney Pierce*

PIBB - Front Row: Angela Roberts, Joe Voye. **Row 2:** Chad Copeland, Joe Holloway, Keith Brown, Rob Covington, Vince Lusk, Craig Stafford, Melissa Fritz, Angel Chavez. **Row 3:** Robert Oakes, Cathy Camery, Kelli Hale, Jennifer Pisinski, Peggy Shelton, Kristi Breyfogle, Trisha Eastwood, Danielle Ciesielski, Chris Sewell. **Row 4:** Shannon Sandlin, Sarah MacMillan, Cameron Kelly-Johnson, Kristie Gilmore, Holleah Hitchcock. **Row 5:** Petra DeJesus, Aaron Priest, Brandon Rainwater, Margaret Opolski, Kari Shoder, Keri Baldridge. **Row 6:** Michelle Kniola, Nathan Rubalcava, Michelle Blank, Ryan Johnston, Kathy Garris, Brandy Mclean, Kelly Pokorney, Jennifer Hallmen, Matt Beardsley, Shannon Meyer, Elisabeth Ireland, Jennifer Wayte. **Row 7:** Jason Ray, Robert Cox, Diana Renci, Amanda Hise, Amy Rivera, Tammy Chadwick, Jason Maisonneuve, Debbie Lesko. **Row 8:** Neil Sly, Adam Scholz, Josh Eyermann, Paul Shinneman, Erik Carpenter, Ken Cheney, Jeff Williams, Tom Labus, Don Woodke. **Back Row:** Kevin Kosovich, Brian Zingo, Jason Copeland, Chris Opolski, Jeremy Kaiser.



Marching Band-Front Row: Robert Cox, Roshell Doyle, Donald Woodke. **Row 2:** Chris Opolski, Chad Copeland, Vince Lusk, Paul Robertson, Craig Stafford, Joe Halloway, Chris Koller, Lisa Butala, Jade Burlingame, Cheryl Blackborn, Dennis Cimbaljevich, Sabrina Leto, Jason Massoneuvr, Rob Covington, Angela Roberts, Kelly Kirk,, Michelle Knoila, Keith Brown, Danielle Ciesielski. **Row 3:** Karen Belsha, Jessica Barniville, Chris Chapman, Josh Eyerman, Jennifer Kuzma, Lisa Lombardi, Keri Baldridge, Holleah Hitchcock, Margaret Opolski, Kristi Breyfogle, Jennifer Pisinski, Trisha Eastwood, Kristie Gilmore, Heather Vondrasek, Petra DeJesus, Sarah Eyermann, Michelle Blank, Diane Zenci, Laura Zielinski, Nichole Brown, Heather Ciesielski, Stephanie Waugh, Cathy Zielinski, Vincenta Chagaya. **Row 4:** Jennie Zielinski, Peggy Shelton, Kristi Hesseltine, Rachel Hood, Brandon Rainwater, Dan Fulkerson, Chris Sewell, Kevin Kosovich, Brian Zingo, Jeff Williams, Tricia Muniz, Debbie Lesko, Brandy Mclean, Rhonda Woodke, Ryan Johnston, Tracie Timpe, Sara Thatcher, Heather Golec. **Row 5:** Wendy Eastwood, Kris Hasselgran, Jason Ray, Aaron Priest, Cameron Johnson, Kathy Garris, Sarah MacMillon, Shannon Sandlin, Tom Labus, Jennifer Hallmen, Nathan Rubalcaua, Joe Voye, Neil Sly, Matt Beardsley, Kelly Pokorney, Angel Chavez, Melissa Fritz, Moises Ottero, Megan Cleary, Brandi Heyse. **Back Row:** Fawnda Burlingame, Michelle Vottero, Lis Cattani, Mark Rainwater, Greg Ciesielski, Robert Oakes, Kyle Smith, Chris Beach, Jason Copeland, Jeremy Kaiser, John Ray, Eric Carpenter, Ken Chadwick, Amy Rivera, Paul Shinneman, Amanda Hise.

At a Friday night football game, the Marching Indians perform their Egyptian presentation as Mr. Troy Webdell looks on. The band members usually wear their uniforms, but when it rained they wore ponchos. *• Theresa Lavendusky*

The pep band uses themes for many games to show their spirit and to make the game funner for everyone. PIBB plays during a time out at a home game. *• Courtney Pierce*

Legend photographers seniors Theresa Lavendusky and Michelle Kniola wash and prepare to print pictures. Photograghers spent most of their class hours in the darkroom producing pictures. • ***Joseph Durk***

Listening to Allison Stewart at the Chicago Hilton, junior Kathy Rea and senior Joseph Durk rest. The publications department took a trip to Chicago, Nov. 14-17 to a journalism convention. • ***Shannon Strickland***

Cropping a picture for Pow Wow, senior Beth Duron gets ready for another deadline. "Sometimes deadlines are somewhat difficult, but the staffs pulled together and met them," Miss Lori Harris said. • ***Amber Holeman***

Pow Wow- Front Row: Mary Green. **Row Two** Shannon Strickland, Corey Schumacher, Natalie Huffman, Beth Duron. **Back Roe:** Craig Golbeski, Kevin Mikaloff, Amber Holeman, Jason McGann, Kristie Hesseltine.

Legend - Front Row: Katy Ballas, Michelle Kniola, Theresa Lavendusky, Cyndi Cochran, Genanne Voynovich, Matt Welches. **Back Row:** Miss Lori Harris, William Busch, Shawn Simmons, Courtney Pierce, Kathy Rea, Joe Durk, Jeremiah Newhall.

Working to inform, entertain the memories

The publication staffs worked throughout the year to inform students and supply students with the Pow Wow, Legend and Saga.

There were four different publication staffs: the Legend, Pow Wow, the News Bureau and the Saga. The Saga was a class during the first semester where the students put together a collection of writings that the entire student body submitted.

The Saga, a literary magazine, came out once a year and had deadlines like every other publication. "[It was] more of a relaxing class, it's not as demanding as other publications," senior Margaret Opolski said.

The News Bureau worked mostly with the Pow Wow, helping them out and submitting their stories to The Portage News, The Portage Times, or the Post Tribune to be included for publication. "If you want a job in journalism it's better. You get more experience," sophomore Andy Reed said.

The News Bureau has weekly deadlines to either help out one of the other staffs get their deadline ready or to send the story to The Portage Times, The Post Tribune or The Portage News. Writing a story, sophomore Andy Reed works on his computer during the class period. • ***Amber Holeman***

The newspaper staff published a biweekly paper called the Pow Wow. "We all work together and depend on each other a lot," junior Mary Green Pow Wow editor said.

"I loved working with the staff it's been really fun this year," senior Kevin Mikaloff said.

"The staffs all worked together to meet their deadlines in time," Miss Lori Harris said.

"Pow Wow and Legend worked a lot together. I enjoyed helping with the Pow Wow because it was a new experience that I enjoyed," senior Legend editor Joe Durk said.

The yearbook staff had monthly deadlines to get the Legend finished on time. "My last year of publications was hard for me because I'm leaving all of the memories behind," Durk said.

"It was a growing year, all the staffs did a more advanced design, I am very proud of them," Harris said.

• ***Cyndi Cochran***

News Bureau - Front Row: Karina Gonzalez, Brandi Arcuri, Margaret Opolski. **Back Row:** Andy Reed.

Working on a story, sophomore Cyndi Cochran writes a rough draft. The Legend staff had monthly deadlines where the staff was rushing to get many pages done for the yearbook. • ***Joseph Durk***

Making the difference

Students had a wide variety of beliefs and their are certain organizations that help people get together with others with the same beliefs.

About eight years ago, a group of students came up with the idea of having a prayer group that would let all of the Christians in the school get involved. The students went to Mrs. Bonnie Albert to be the sponsor and she accepted.

This group named Youth Alive met everyday before school in Mrs. Albert room to take turns reading the Bible and reading prayers.

Mrs. Albert said, "Some kids feel this is a nice way to begin a day." Anyone could come to the morning prayer sessions it did not matter. There were not really members because anyone could come. It was more just participation.

There were also after school meetings where the students would come and have refreshments and snacks do a fun activity then discuss whatever issues the students would decide.

"See You at the Pole" was a world wide event where people would meet at the flag pole to pray for the school, community and country. More than 100 people showed for this event. Sophomore Andrea Skafish said, "It was just moving to see all of the people come out and pray for the school."

The organization has no appointed officers but senior Zach Zagar is a leader to the group. Zagar was actively involved in the group and said, "It provides a time of fellowship for Christians in school and it's a time to get to know other Christians."

Another Christian organization in the school was FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). FCA is a national organization of Christians that did not have to consist of athletes even though the word athletes was in the name.

FCA was started by Mr. Bob Mattix and Mr. Les Klein. The organization originally consisted of football players but later expanded to all sports and now consists of "anyone that has accepted Jesus as their savior," said Mr. Ralph Mundt, the sponsor of FCA.

The Youth Alive pray together in a circle. "Some kids feel this is a nice way to begin a day," Mrs. Bonnie Albert said. The group doesn't just pray they do activities and talk about whatever is on their minds. *• Teresa Lavendusky*

At the meetings, the students had different role playing activities, spiritual discussions, plan sponsoring the community, and communicate with other schools involved in FCA. The meetings were after practices on Wednesday every other week.

Besides just meetings, the group went to Crawfordsville, Ind., for a convention on how to the director and student could run a club like FCA.

The athletes were in FCA for many reasons. Senior Mike Wall said "It is a good way to relate to athletes with Christianity."

Another club at the school was Pep Club, which consisted of the cheerleaders, poms, and any others who wanted to bring spirit to the school.

Pep Club did many things for the sports teams including baking for the athletes, decorating lockers, and even decorating homes for homecomings.

Miss Kathy and Gerri Kotyuk are the sponsers for Pep Club although the student officers ran the meetings.

Meetings were held every Tuesday in which the club discussed each teams committee report. Every team has a committee of members with one leader to decide what they can do for that team. *• Cyndi Cochran*

At one of the FCA meetings junior Kathy Rea and seniors Doug Samuels, Ryan McGuffy, Nathan Mundt dicuss student of the week. Every other week a meeting is held and the members vote at every meeting. *• Theresa Lavendusky*

Youth Alive - Front Row: Lisa Crouch, Michelle Lucas, Cassie Hendon, Lisa Webster, Michele Williams. **Row 2:** James Jacobs, Sally Walton, Jen Rhodus, Erica Lowe, Bethany Kane, Chrystal Greenwell, Billy Loubriel. **Row 3:** Tara Cardenas, Heidi Kitchen, Michael Munoz, Linette DeJesus, Raquel Gonzalez. **Row 4:** Adam Woynaroski, Subrina Davis, Dan Martinez, Angel Rodriguez, Jill Rodriguez, Gina Munoz, Stephanie Krinakis, Julie Lochmondy. **Back Row:** Sheri Johnson.

Pep Club- Front Row: Amber Riley, Lindsay Klisiak, Sydney Hodsden, Michelle Sparks, Meaghan Gerkin. **Row 2:** Brooke Brennan, Kelly McWilliams, Monica Essig, Jessica Reed, Kelly Charbonneau, Holly Blake, Heather Andryak, Amanda Pirowski, Robyn Karner, Michelle Batista, Tessie Frechette. **Row 3:** Tonya Cuppy, Ashley Reynolds, Valeree Nestorovich, Erin Austgen, Leacia Circle, Mary Brown, Cheryl Guzikowski, Heather Jaques, Marcy Greer, Yvonne Piehl, Elizabeth Bunker. **Row 4:** Mandi Bartok, Dionne Gingerich, Jenny Riffle, Jessica Wireman, Cyndi Cochran, Piper VanSanten, Ashley DeHaven. **Row 5:** Amy Barwig, Emily Henke, Amanda Mckenzie, Megan McCloud. **Back Row:** Josh Coppinger, Brandon Miller, Alex Curiel, Tony Ballor, Jeremy Lewis, Micheal Forrest.

Standing in a circle with the others, sophomore Cassie Hendon hangs her head down in prayer. Every morning, the Youth Alive group met together in Mrs. Bonnie Albert's room and had morning prayer. Anyone was invited come and join.
• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

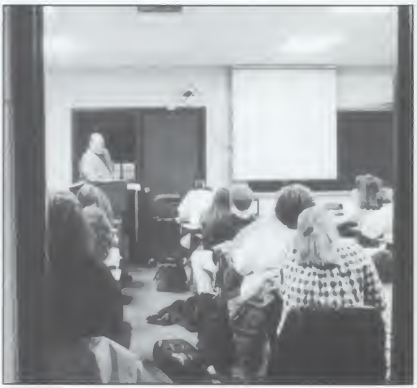
A volleyball game played sitting down is called "Butt Volleyball." At the FCA meeting seniors Ryan McGuffey, Doug Samuels and Chris Westerkamp help others set up for the game.
• ***Theresa Lavendusky***

State Quiz Bowl: Brian Balta, Donald Woodke, Brad Green, Jim Crowley, Sean Hannon.

Decatholon Team: David King, Donald Woodke, Neil Sly, Meredith Breyfogle, Cheryl Guzikowski.

Sitting together during the State Quiz Bowl competition, members receive their next question. Members including sophomore Brian Balta, senior Donald Woodke and sophomores Jim Crowley, Brad Green and Sean Hannon competed in the first ever state level competition placing third in the Duneland Conference Competition.

Standing on the bleachers, the Super Bowl team accepts its second place award at the Area Super Bowl Competition. The Super Bowl was one of five academic teams in which students had the option of participating.



Students concentrate during one of their many study sessions for the Duneland Super Bowl Competition. Members of the team had to commit to after school practices to compete and excel in the competitions.

Developing knowledge

Teams winning Duneland Conference, Area One, State, recieving a varsity letter and scholarships for college; and how? Not by running, lifting weights or passing a ball, but instead excercising their minds.

Mrs. Jill Mangold had been the Academic Competition Coordinator for 10 years. The teams had two teachers who were volunteers, Mr. Dennis Bond and Mrs. Annette Kulmatycki. "The assistant coaches help prepare the members for competitions because the students are excited, nervous and anxious, but there is only so much the coaches can do," Mangold said.

The Spell Bowl was organized in May when students memorized more than 3,000 words for the competition in September. Ten students competed and the team placed third in Duneland Conference.

The Quiz Bowl held its first ever State level competition in April. The Quiz Bowl competiton is similar to Trivial Pursuit with the members buzzing in when they have the correct answer. Five students compete at one time. Sophomore Brad Green was the number one individual in the Duneland Conference and continued onto state. The team placed third in the Duneland Conference and also continued onto state.

Students involved in the Decatholan began meetings in October one or two nights a week when they recieved study guides for the competitions from December to February. "The members are extremely supportive of each other," Mangold said. Nine students competed in LaPorte placing third at Area One. The Decatholan covers 10 different subjects in the contest and was a one day event from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. involving an essay, speech, interview, seven multiple choice tests and a super quiz.

The Knowledge Masters Open team for the December competition concentrates on the computerized quiz. The 10 students worked together to find the correct answers and to obtain a high score.

Another academic team students had the option of joining was the Knowledge Masters Open team. The competition is international including countries as far away as England, Korea and Germany. The two competitions were held November and April. "We've been competing in it for two years now," Mangold said. Knowledge Masters Open was also similar to Trivial Pursuit and it took two hours to complete the multiple choice test.

The other competition the academic teams participated in was the Super Bowl. Super Bowl contestants chose what area they wanted to compete in. Practice began in February with after school study sessions twice a week preparing for the competitions in March and April.

"As with all PHS competitions we're in Duneland Conference which is one of the toughest in the state," Mangold said. All the competitions are state sponsored by the Indiana Academic Competitions for excellence which is a division of the State Student Acitivites Organitionazation. All but the Super Bowl were national or international competitions. The Super Bowl was an Indiana competition in which Ameritech provided the funding for the competitions. "The competitions help the students gain knowledge over a majority of subject matters and over certain time periods," Mangold said. • ***Kathy Rea***

Looking over the next question for the Knowledge Masters Open, the team members discuss a possible answer. The competitions in December and April were international and involved such countries as England, Germany and Korea.

Individuals

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During the Sept. 27, fire alarm, students from all grade levels gathered in the retetention pond to wait out the two-hour ordeal. Some students talked, some slept on the grass, while others took a trip down memory lane to elementary school and played a game of Duck, Duck, Goose. • ***Courtney Pierce***

Seniors Losing Credits

Though most seniors cannot wait until graduation, some choose to stay in high school

At the start of the school year, seniors began to dream of graduation, but a few were stopped short of their dreams by lost credits, falling grades and general carelessness.

Senioritis has long been attributed to the trend of slipping grades toward the end of one's senior year, despite the efforts by many to plan ahead for their futures.

Many students took time to prepare ahead in order to take some of the strain off of their last year of high school.

"I took the SAT's my junior year and I tried to get classes out of the way early," senior Jenna St. Julien said.

Some students said they wanted to get the majority of their strenuous classes out of the way for more classes of their liking. "I took my required classes so I could have my senior year to take the classes I wanted," senior Wendy York said.

Some students combatted their feelings of senioritis by avoiding the second semester altogether. Midterm graduation was an option for many seniors who already had enough credits and required courses to graduate.

Senior Vonnie Loeffler said, "I have taken all my classes so I can graduate early. I feel like I've been prepared to graduate since my freshman year."

Despite all of the effort made to become prepared for the last year of high school,as well as whatever lies beyond, some seniors still lost sight of academics and lost credits or let their grades slip.

"They [students] slack off and think that they can get away with it because they are seniors," Loeffler said.

St. Julien said, "They just don't want to do the work, and it starts when they are freshmen and sophomores."

Some people tended to attribute lost credits to the level of difficulty of the last year in high school.

"This year has been the hardest because I have to do a term paper for my composition class and I am always trying to get good grades for college," St. Julien said.

Some students, however, said their last year in high school is easier because they might have either learned how to manage their time or take easier classes.

Senior Elizabeth Orsolini said, "This year has been easier because my schedule has a good pace."

Loeffler added, "This [year] is easier, because teachers give you a week to do homework in most senior classes."

Whatever a student had planned for after graduation, each of them first had to make it to graduation. Most students had no problem reaching this goal, but some had to remind themselves that the last year of high school is no time to slow down. • ***Elizabeth Verbich***

Crystal Abel
Karen Adams
Michelle Anders
Gina Anderson
Marissa Anderson
Softball 1, Volleyball 1, NHS 3,4

Matt Anderson
Football 4, Lab Band 1,1
Heather Andrysik
Pom Pons 2, 3,4 Captain, NHS 3,4, Pep Club 2,3,4, Spanish Club 1, Concert Orchestra 1, Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4
Elijah Armes
Matt Atherton
Student Council 3, Junior Class Treasurer, FCA 3, NHS 3,4, FLHS 3, Peer Tutor 3,4, Prom Committee 3, Football 1, Wrestling 1,2,3, Academic Letter
Melissa Austin

Tony Ballor
TA 2,3,4, Football 1,2,3,4, Wrestling 1,2, Lifter 4
Chris Banke
Pow Wow 1,2,3,4 Fall Editor in Chief, TA 2,3,4, Athlete Trainer 2,3,4
Tony Banks
Concert Choir 2,3, Symphonic Choir 4
Angela Banogon
Tim Barich
TA 2,3,4

Jessica Barnhille
Chris Bosch
Matt Beals
Andy Berger
FCA 1,2,3,4, Homecoming Court 3, Basketball 1,2,3,4
John Billings
TA 2, Marching Band 2, Concert Band 1,2, Symphonic Band 3,4, Academic Letter

Cheryl Blackburn
Cliff Blankenship
Paul Blanton
TA 2, Marching Band 2, Concert Band 1,2, Symphonic Band 3,4, Academic Letter 3,4
Sandra Bledsoe
HOPE Club 2
Matt Bogart

Amber Bogold
Varico Club 1,2,3, SADD/STOP 4, French Club 2,3, TA 4
Concert Choir 1, Symphonic Choir 3,4, Swimming 2, Mgr Swimming 3, Academic Letter
Jennifer Bolsa
Ryan Bonner
TA 3,4, Wrestling 1,2, Football 1,2,3,4, Jr. All-State 2,3, All Conference 3,4, All Area
Sandra Book
TA 3,4
Ron Boozer
Jazz Band I 4, Jazz Band II 2,3, Lab Band I 1,2, Lab Band II 3, Intramurals 4

Brian Bough
Cross Country 1,2,3,4, Track 1,2,3,4
Dollie Boyle
Cross Country 3,4, Soccer 2, Track 1,2,3,4
Sarah Bradford
Brooke Brennan
Karla Brown

Ken Brown
Lori Brown
Carl Buergler
Toni Butta
Chad Burton

Lisa Butala
Jeff Camp
JROTC 1,2,3,4, Football 1,2,3,4
Heather Campbell
NHS 4, FLHS 3, TA 3,4, Volleyball 1,2,3,4 Captain, Academic Excellence 3,4
Crystal Cannon
Melissa Carpenter

Jade Casteel
Chris Chapman
Nick Chapman
Kelly Charbonneau
Heather Ciesielski
Marching Band 1,2,3,4. Symphonic Orchestra 3,4. NHS 3,4. FLHS 2,3,4. Concert Orchestra 1,2. Pep Band 3. SADD/STOP 4. Academic Letter 3,4

Gabriel Chaddock
Video Club 4. NHS 4. Pep Band 1,2,3,4. Jazz Band 2,3,4. Symphonic Band 2,3,4. Symphonic Orchestra 1,2,3,4
Nicole Chagoya
Marching Band 1,2. Pep Band 1. Concert Band 4. Lab Band 1,2,3
David Chavez
Wrestling 1,2,3,4. Football 2
Jill Childers
JROTC 1. TA 3,4. Concert Choir 1,2. Girls Glee 3,4
Amber-Lea Chizmar
Peer Tutor 1,2,3. TA 2. Who's Who Among American High School Students

Stephanie Clark
Student Council 1,3. FLHS 3,4. TA 1,2,3,4. Prom Committee 3. Basketball 1,2. Academic Letter
Esteban Claudio
Corrine Cleland
TA 1. Swimming 1,2,3,4 Captain
Nathanial Clough
TA 1,3. Concert Choir 1. Symphonic Choir 2,3,4. Concert Band 3. Symphonic Band 4. Lab Band II 1,2
Jennifer Cloyd
Pep Club 1. TA 2,3,4. Soccer 2,3. Super Kidd. Roadrunner

Susan Coapstick
Lisa Collins
Stephanie Collins
Bryan Conger
Thespians 1,2,3,4 Co-President, Speech/Debate 4. TA 3,4. Choraliers 1,2,4. Symphonic Choir 1,2,3,4
Jeff Connell

Shane Connell
Student Council 4. Writer's Block 4
Will Connors
Aimee Cook
Steve Cook
Wrestling 1,2,3,4 Captain
Jason Copeland

Josh Coppinger
Football 2,3,4. Track 3,4. Lifter 4
Nicole Corral
Robert Covington
TA 4. Marching Band 1,2,3,4. Pep Band 1,2,3,4. Jazz Band II 3,4. Concert Band 2. Symphonic Band 3,4. Lab Band I 1
Amanda Crawford
Anthony Creech
Wrestling 1

Michele Cronch
Student Council 2,3,4 Secretary. Prom Committee 3
Frank Crowley
Peer Tutor 1. Football 1. Mgr. Basketball
Jason Crownover
TA 1. Football 1
Alex Curiel
NHS 4. TA 3,4. Basketball 1. Track 1,2,3,4. Lifter 4
Rachael Daily
Prom Committee 3. Lab Band II 1. Volleyball 1. Freshman Girls' Basketball Mgr.

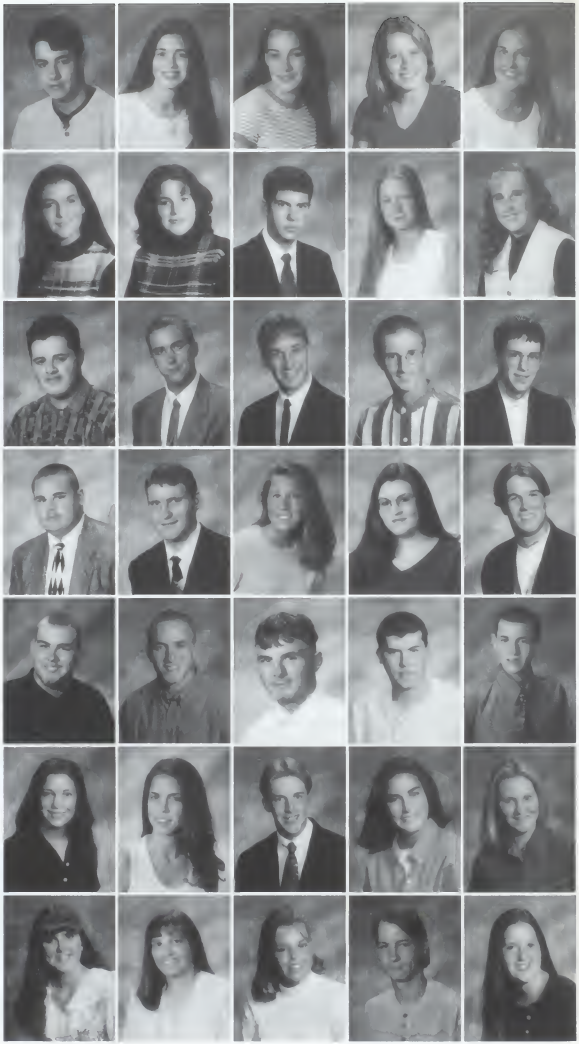
During the annual Student Council Thanksgiving Food Drive, senior Lisa Minor sorts through food items to determine what is perishable and not. After all the work was done, students delivered at least eight bags of food and a turkey to various needy families in the community. • ***Natalie Huffman***

Aaron Daniels
Concert Orchestra 1,2
James Daniels
Brian Davenport
Casey Davis
German Club 1,2, Track 4, Intramurals 4, Super Kids
Holly De Plinsy
TA 3

Kristy Dec
Track 1,2, Academic Excellence 3,4
Jordan Defraven
Baseball 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1,2,3, TA 2,3,4
Izzy DeJesus
Student Council 1,2,3,4 President, Wrestling 1,2,3, SADD/STOP 2,3 Vice President, Science Club 1,2,3, Prom Committee 3, FCA 2, Spanish Club 2, TA 4
Petra DeJesus
Thespians 4, Choraliers 3,4, Girls' Glee 2,3,4, Concert Choir 1,2, Marching Band 1,2,4, Pep Band 1,2,4, Symphonic Band 3,4, Lab Band 1,2
Derek Demmon
French Club 2, NHS 3,4, Tennis 3

Carlos Diaz
Julian Diaz
Brandie DiCesare
TA 1,2, Volleyball 1, Track 2, Tennis 4
Lisa Dobos
Shawn Dodd

Melissa Dolby
Girls Glee 2,3,4, Symphonic Band 4, Concert Band 3, Lab Band 1,2, TA 2,4, Concert Band 1
Amy Dominick
Kim Dudek
Catherine Duncan
Tina Durham



Joseph Dark
Legend 1,2,3,4 Lithos 4, Quiet, SADDSTOP 1,2,3,4
President, Student Council 4, Q&S 3,4, Thespians 3,4,
Sigs 4, Prom Committee 3, Leadership 4, Writers Block 2,
Honor Roll 1,2,3,4, Who's Who Among American High
School Students 1,2,3,4
Beth Duron
Stacey Durr
Science Club 2,3, TA 2,3,4, Marching Band 1, Pep Band 1,
Concert Band 2, Symphonic Band 3,4, Soccer 2,3,4
Rebecca Easton
NHS 3,4, FLHS 2,3,4, Soccer 2,3,4 Captain, Swimming 1,
Track 1,2,3,4 Captain, Gymnastics All-State/All Area,
Academic Letter
Megan Edmonds
Jamie Eierman
NHS 4, Academic Letter 3,4
Jodi Eierman
TA 4
Andrew Elderkin
Becky Elliot
Tonia Emhart
HOPE Club 1,2, Peer Tutor 3, TA 2, Basketball 1,2

Christopher Espinoza
JROTC 1,2,3,4, Lab Band II 1
Josh Eyermann
Jeff Fain
Cross Country 1,2,3,4, Track 1,2,3,4, FCA 1,2,3,4,
Basketball 1, Honors Diploma
Jason Falkowski
Aaron Fenters
TA 1,2,4, Cross Country 1, Golf 1 (most improved),
Intramurals 1

Shane Fields
TA 1
Matt Fisher
Nikki Floyd
Gymnastics 1,2,3,4, Student Council 1, NHS 3,4,
Homecoming Court 3,4, Prom Court 3, FLHS 2,3, TA 1,2,
Academic Letter, Who's Who Among American High
School Students
Melissa Foreman
Legend 3, TA 3,4
Michael Forrest

David Fralley
TA 4, Marching Band 1, Pep Band 1, Lab Band I 1,
Football 1
Phil Frechette
FCA 1,2, Prom Court 3, TA 2,3, Football 1,2,3,4 Captain/
All-State MVP, Golf 3, Wrestling 1,2
Charles Fruewirth
Jeff Fuerst
Football 1,3, Track 3,4
Tim Galati

Heather Gajdinski
Softball 1,2,3,4
Angela Geouge
Soccer 2,3
Scott Gerhack
Meagan Gerkin
Mindi Gilbert
Student Council 4, Pep Club 4, TA 1,2,3, Peer Tutor 4

Shannon Gillie
JROTC 1,2,3,4 TA 1,2,3,4, Mgr. Football
Kristie Gilmore
Heather Gish
Basketball 1,2,3,4
George Glordoch
Mary Graf

Sabrina Golbin
Edwin Gonzalez
Intramurals 2, 3
Kimberly Gorgei
SADD/STOP 1, Video Club 1, 2, 3, 4 Manager, Peer 1, 2, 3
Speech/Debate 2, 3, 4, TA 1, 2, 3, Saga 4, Softball 1, 2
Basketball Mgr., Football mgr., Track Mgr., Road Runners 4
Super Kids 2, 3, Exchange Student of the month 4, Semifinalist
project 91,
April Grashaw
TA 1, 2, 3, Girls Glee 1, 2, Symphonic Choir 2, 3, 4
Tina Green
NHS 4, Academic Letter 3, 4, Basketball Intramurals 3, 4

Charlie Greer
NHS 4, FLHS 2, 3, 4, Football 2, 3 JV Captain, 4, Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, Academic Excellence 2, 3, Prom Prince
Cynthia Grundein
SADD/STOP 4, Unity Club 4, NHS 4, FLHS 3, 4, Concert Orchestra 1, Symphonic Orchestra 2, 3, 4
Wendy Hammond
SADD/STOP 1, 2, Spanish Club 1, TA 2, 3, 4, Concert Orchestra 1, 2, 3, Symphonic Orchestra 4, Soccer 4, Perfect Attendance 1, 2, 3, 4, Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
Tiana Hardesty
Concert Choir 2, 3, 4
Kevin Harding
Saga 3, 4, TA 2, 3, 4

Michelle Harman
Dan Harvath
Cyndi Hatala
NHS 3, 4, FLHS 2, 3, Softball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain, Basketball 1, 2, 3, Captain, SCAT Team, Volleyball 1, 2, 3, Soccer 4, Lab Band 1, TA 4, Winter Homecoming Queen 4
Casey Hauswirth
Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Basketball 1, Intramurals 4
Chris Hayes

Theresa Hazzard
Peer Tutor 1, 2, 3, Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4, Track 1, 2
Bryan Hedrick
TA 3, Track 3, Super Kids 3, 4
Jason Hendrickson
Baseball 1, 2
Tara Hensley
Soccer 2
Jeannette Hernandez
Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4, NHS 3, 4, FLHS 3, 4

John Hillier
Edgar Hilzley
Choraliers 2, 4, Concert Choir 4, Symphonic Choir 2, 3, 4
Ron Hinojosa
Student Council 4, NHS 3, 4, FLHS 2, 3, 4, TA 4, Lab Band 1
Wrestling 1, 2, Academic Letter 2, 3
Samantha Hobelsberg
SADD/STOP 2, Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4 Co-President, NHS 3, 4, Speech/Debate 2, 3, 4 President, TA 1, 3, 4, Choraliers 4, Girls Glee 1, 2, 3, Symphonic Choir 4, 1st runner-up Jr. Miss
Sydney Hobelsberg
Student Council 4, Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4 Historian, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4 Vice President, NHS 3, 4, TA 1, 2, 3, 4, Track 1, 2, Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4, Academic Excellence, 2nd runner-up Jr. Miss

Jessica Holtzman
Symphonic Band 4, Concert Band 3, Prom Committee 3, Pep Band 1, 2, Lab Band 1, 2, TA 3, 4
John Honolla
Cari Horne
Student Council 1, 2, Peer Tutor 1, 2, TA 3, 4, Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4
Charlie Hoskins
Tina Housler
Concert Orchestra 1, 2, 3, Symphonic Orchestra 4

Joe Hunt
Student Council 4, Student Court 4, NHS 3, 4, FLHS 3, 4, Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4, Valedictorian
Meaghan Husted
Heather Hunnacker
Ammn Hyde
Student Council 2, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, Homecoming Court 3, 4
Pom Poms 2, 3, Cheerleading 1
Rashad Ibrahim
TA 1, 2, 3, Football 1, 2, Basketball 1, Track 1, 2, Intramurals 1

Shannon Ives
HOPE Club 1,2; Legend 2; Pow Wow 4; TA 1,4; Tennis 1
Melissa Dean
Kristy Jablonski
Danielle Jackson
Michael Jackson
JROTC 1,2,4 corporal; Pow Wow 2 Reporter

Loretta Jacobs
Paul Jarrell
Amy Johnston
Tiffany Jones
Heather Jorgsma

JR Joseph
Writer's Block 2, 3,4; NHS 3,4; Concert Band 2; Lab Band 1
Academic Letter; Perfect Attendance
Kate Jurgensen
SADD/STOP 2,3,4 Treasurer; Student Court 3,4; NHS 4;
Concert Orchestra 1,2
Jeremy Kaiser
Rob Keller
Ryan Kegley

Kim Kelley
Jennifer Kelly
Lanii Kelly
Pep Club 2, 3; Prom Committee 3; TA 1,2,3; Cheerleading
2,3
Stephen Kercher
Student Council 1,2,4 Senior Class President; TA 3;
Footballers 1,2; Symphonic Choir 1 Outstanding Freshman
of the Year 2,3; Baseball 2; Intramurals 1,2
Crystal King

Christine Kinicle
Casey Kirkpatrick
Nicole Klzer
Lindsey Kliskak
Cheerleading 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4 Treasurer; TA
2,3,4
Jeff Knapp
Football 2,3,4

Martin Knight
JROTC 1,2,3,4
Michelle Kunda
Legend 4; Prom Court 3; TA 3,4; Marching Band 2,3,4;
Pep Band 2,4; Concert Band 3; Symphonic Band 4; Lab
Band 1,2
Christopher Kuller
Marching Band 3,4; Concert Band 3; Symphonic Band 4;
Jess 3
Christina Kvalchik
Legend 1,2,3 Album Editor; Q&S 3,4
Jill Kozrowski

Joy Krejci
Track 1,2,3,4 Captain; Soccer 2,3,4 Captain; NHS 3,4;
Academic Letter 3,4; TA 1
Heather Kucsera
Thomas Labus
Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Concert Band
3,4; Lab Band 1 1,2
Lisa Lamb
Ryan Lang
Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4

Jean LaBorde
Speech/Debate 4
Theresa Lavendusky
Brianne Lee
Homecoming Court 4
Kristen Lee
German Club 1,2,4, NHS 3,4, FLHS 2, Soc[illegible]
Breana Lees
Pep Club 2,3, FLHS 2, Concert Band 1 Cheerleading 2,3

Stacy Lemley
Legend 1,2,3 Senior Editor, Q&S 3,4, TA 1,3,4
Elisha Lemmex
Sarah Lesch
SADD/STOP 3,4, French Club 1,2,3,4, Chinese Club 4,
HOPE Club 4, Concert Orchestra 1,2
Lisa Levenson
Dessa Lewandowski
NHS 3,4, FLHS 2,3,4, Prom Committee 3, Concert
Orchestra 1 Symphonic Orchestra 2,3

James Lewis
Jeremy Lewis
Peer Tutor 3, TA 1,2,3,4, Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,
Track 1,2,3,4, Lifter 3,4
Shannon Liesch
Robert Loomis
Video Club 3,4, French Club 3,4, Golf 2, Intramurals 2,3
Thomas Loomis
French Club 2,3,4, Intramurals 2,3

Stephen Lugo
BPA 1 TA 1,2,3,4, Football 1,2, Track 1,2,3,4 Captain
Wrestling Mgr
Robb Lukasik
Sarah Mahns
TA 1,2,3, Basketball 1
John Maltzfeld
Melinda Manna

Rosalin Marquez
SADD/STOP 4
Joe Marsh
Jennifer Martinez
John Martinez
Prom Committee 3, TA 4, Wrestling 3
Amanda Mathus

Amy Matthew
TA 2,3, Soccer 2,3,4
Scott Matlock
Greg Mays
JROTC 2,3,4 (Asst. Armorer)
Jed Mays
Football 3,4, Wrestling 3, Baseball 3, TA 4
Mary Mazurek
Softball 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1,2,3,4, Volleyball 1,2,3

Stephanie McCaw
Athletic Trainer 4, Peer Tutor 4, TA 1,2
Robert Mc Clure
Shaun Mc Connell
Track 1,2,4, Wrestling 1,2
Scott McDonald
Student Council 1, FCA 2,3,4, FLHS 3,4, TA 3,4, Cross
Country 1,2,3, Basketball 1,2,3, Intramurals 4
Jamie McDowell
Football 1,2,3,4

Leaving at Midterm

With many options to leave high school, seniors could have choose to graduate midterm

Around the time of Jan. 17, one could see the separation of seniors: Those graduating midterm and those who still have another semester of high school left.

At the end of the junior year in high school, one had the option of graduating midterm. The qualifications to graduate midterm were that one must have accumulated the 41 required credits and must have passed all required classes.

There were many reasons why a senior would want to graduate midterm, either for work, early college or even just to relax.

Senior Melissa Foreman said she graduated midterm so she could, "... work and save money for college."

But for those students who had the option of graduating midterm and didn't, there were some valid points, too.

"I could have [graduated midterm], because I had enough credits at the end of my junior year. I just didn't want to. I wanted to graduate with my closest friends, and beside, I had no other plans to rush to," senior Heather Campbell said. "I'm also going for my honors diploma."

And with the honors diploma came another issue of why seniors who have met the requirements for the honors diploma could not graduate midterm, but that was a misconception.

"With careful planning, you can still graduate midterm with an honors diploma," Mr. Lowell Johnson, assistant principal, said. "You could get everything, except the math and English classes might be hard. You would carry a pretty heavy load as a senior."

After midterm graduation, a graduate could pursue many options.

"Move to Houston, Texas and work full time before starting college at Texas A&M in the fall," Foreman said of what her plans were after high school. Foreman was originally from Texas.

With debates of whether to stay a full four years or being able to graduate midterm, Johnson said in most cases that the guidance department would advise students to stay for the full high school ride. • ***Joseph Durk***

Ryan Mc Guffy
FCA 1,2,3,4 Secretary, NHS 3,4, TA 2, Football 1,2,3,4, Baseball 2, Track 4

Amity McKiddy
Student Council 1,2 Sophomore Treasurer,3 , Pom Pons 2,3, Symphonic Choir 3,4, Choraliers 4, Girls Glee 3, Concert Choir 6, Pep Club 2,3,4

Bobby McKinney
Football 1,2,3, Wrestling 1,2

Brandy Mc Lean
Marching Band 1,2,3,4, Pep Band 1,2,3,4, Jazz Band 4, Jazz Band II 3, Concert Band 3,4, Symphonic Band 3,4, Lab Band II 1,2

Brian Mc Williams

Courtney Melton

Jacob Mendez

James Mendez

Yvette Menendez

Cathy Merritt

Alan Mietzner

Kevin Mikaliff
Video Club 1, Multi-cultural Club 4 Writer's Block 2, 3,4, Pow Wow 4, Saga 4

Brandon J. Miller
Student Council 1,2,3,4 Vice President, NHS 3,4 Treasurer, Lifter 2,3,4 Captain, Track 1,2, Hugh O'Brian Leadership Award, Student Court 1,2,3 Secretary, Prom Committee 3,

Lisa Minor
Student Council 4 NHS 3,4, FLHS 3,4, TA 3, Wrestling Mgr 3,4 Academic Letter 3,4

Scott Misiner
Football 2,3,4, Track 1,2,3,4

While sitting in the Commons, seniors Stephanie Yaksic and Dennis Odisho goof around with each other. At the beginning of her senior year, Yaksic transferred to Portage from Chesterton and played varsity soccer. Odisho had played soccer for the high school since his freshman year. • ***Michelle Kniola***

During the National Honor Society's induction of new members, NHS president senior Sonja Sturges lights the candle to conclude the evening. After all the new members signed their names to book of Portage NHS members, the candles symbolized the actual induction of new members.

Scott Moehl
Marching Band I, 2; Jazz Band II 1, 2, 3; Concert Band I, 2, 3; Symphonic Band 4; Swimming 1, 2; Athletic Trainer 3
Tony Molina
Melissa Mongoven
Soccer 2, 3, 4; Captain; Tennis 2, 3; Homecoming Court 3; Prom Court 3; Pow Wow 4
Mignon Montpetit
Student Council 3, 4; Senior Class Secretary; NHS 3, 4; Q&S 2, 3; President 4; Pow Wow 2, 3; Head Design Editor; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FLHS 3, 4; Academic Letter 3, 4; National Merit Commended Student; Prom Committee 3
Justin Morales

Jaclyn Mrak
Cheryl Mullin
Susan Mullins
TA 3
Nathan Munch
FCA 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 3, 4; Winter Kegg; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain; 1997 Outstanding Young Men
Theresa Munoz
Concert Choir 3; Softball 3

Dan Murray
TA 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3
Jill Murray
HOPE Club 1, 2, 3; NHS 3, 4; Concert Band 2; Lab Band II 1
Soccer 2; Tennis 1, 2, 3
Zachary Murray
Lindsay Nagar
Pow Wow 3, 4; Photo Editor; Peer Tutor 1
Ted Najzer
Speech/Debate 2; TA 4; Marching Band 3; Jazz Band I 4; Concert Band 4; Lab Band II 1, 2; Directors Award 1

Sarah Natalie
JROTC 1, 2, 3, 4; Commanding Officer; NHS 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls Basketball Mgr. 3, 4; Symphonic Band 3, 4; Concert Band 2; Lab Band II 1; Chemistry Team 2, 3; Marching Band 1
Penny Nevels
Elizabeth Negron
Jason Nelson
Football 1; Basketball 1
Michael Nemeth
FCA 2, 3; Swimming 1, 2, 3; Tennis 1

Moving in closer, seniors Amanda Palmateer and Phillip Orr work side by side to get the matters at hand done. To graduate, seniors had to have a minium of 41 credits, with two of those being fine art credits. To graduate with the honors, one must have had a total of 47 or more credits with no grade being below a C-. • ***Michelle Kniola***

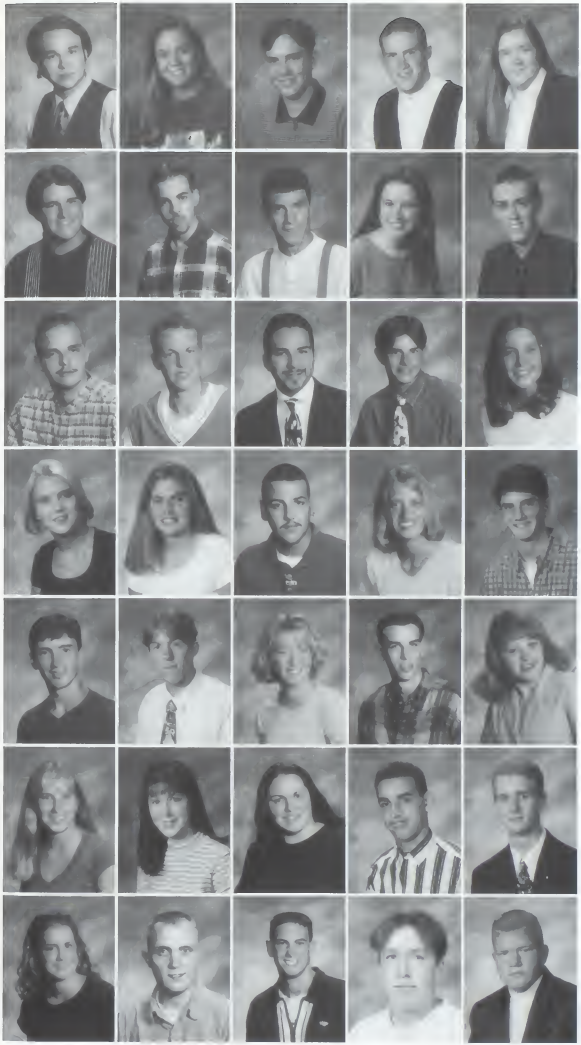
Darren Newberry
FCA 3, Swimming 4
Rick Newman
Football 4, Track 3,4
Nicole Nickoles
Valerie Nixon
Tim Nash
Latin Club 1,2,3,4, NHS 4, Academic Teams 1,2,3, Anime Club 2, Role-Playing Club 2, Academic Letter 3,4, Q&S 2, Pow Wow 2

Jaime Nygra
Lab Band 1,1
Paul O'Bourican
SADD/STOP 1,2, German Club1, Peer Tutor 2, Super Kkid
Jeremy O'Neal
FLHS 2,3, Soccer 1,2,3,4, Intramural Bowling 4, Honors Diploma, Academic Letter 3,4
Shaun O'Neill
Misty Oasvall
NHS 3, 4, TA 4, Golf 1, 2 ,3, 4 Captain

Dennis Odisho
Soccer 1,2,3,4 Captain
EZ Ohno
Margaret Opolski
Phil Orr
Kenny Orris
Who's Who Among American High School Students 2,3,4, Hoosier Boy's State Delegate, VHS

Elizabeth Orsolini
Kathryn Owens
Amanda Palmateer
NHS 3,4, Track 1,2,3,4, Cross Country 1,2,3,4
Shawn Pappas
Peer Tutor 2,3
Ryan Parker
JROTC 1,2,3,4 Cadet Sgt. Maj. TA 3,4

Tony Parrigan
Basketball 1, Baseball 1
Mike Passarelli
Spell Team 2,4
Irina Pavlova
Janelle Peck
Girls Glee 2,3, Concert Choir 1, Concert Band 2,3, Lab Band II 1, Marching Band 1,2
Paul Penix
Golf 1, Intramurals 1 2,3



Jodi Perryman
Sarah Peute
Joe Phillips
FFA 1, NHS 3,4
Michael Pickering
Homecoming Court 3, TA 1,3,4, Basketball 1,2, 3,4 Co-Captain
Courtney Pierce
Legend 4

Eric Pilcock
Chad Pio
Tim Pirowski
Student Council 1, SADDSTOP 1, FCA 3,4, TA 3,4, Concert Orchestra 1, Baseball 1,2,3,4, Who's Who Among American High Schools
Bethany Popple
Jason Pratt

Charles Puskar
Nicholaus Rajski
TA 4, Concert Band 4, Lab Band I 1,2, Lab Band II, Baseball 2,3,4
Anthony Ramirez
Ed Reckenwall
NHS 3,4, Soccer 1,2,3,4 Captain
Jessica Reid
Pep Club 1,2,3,4, TA 2, Girls Glee 1,2, Pom Pons 3, Cheerleading 1,2,4

Danette Reno
Jaclyn Rejoy
NHS 3,4, TA 1,2,3, Gymnastics 1,2,3
Albert Reyes
Korey Reynolds
Cross Country 1,2,4, Basketball 2,3, Softball 1,2,3,4
Jace Rhea

Robert Richards
Ryan Richmond
Amber Riley
Pep Club 1,2,3,4 Secretary, NHS 3,4, Gymnastics 1,2,3,4, Cheerleading 1,2,3,4
Joseph Ring
Bridget Ripperdan

Randi Ritter
NHS 4, FLHS 2, HOPE Club 4, Soccer 2, German Club 4 Symphonic Orchestra 2, Concert Orchestra 1, Academic Letter
Sara Robbins
BPA 4, Lab Band I 1
Kim Marie Robinson
NHS 4, Academic Letter 3,4, Honor Roll 1,2,3,4, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Perfect Attendance Award, Super Kidd, Latin Club 4, FLHS 2,3,4
Henry Rodriguez
David Roe
JROTC 1, Prom Court 3, Homecoming Court 3, Basketball 2,3, ACSI Top Scholar 3

Dana Rogers
Swimming 1,2,3,4 Captain, NHS 3,4 Secretary, Latin Club 1,2,3,4 President, Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4, FLHS 2, Gymnastics 1, Concert Orchestra 1
Robert Rossman
Kenneth Roth
Kristopher Rowe
Marc Royce

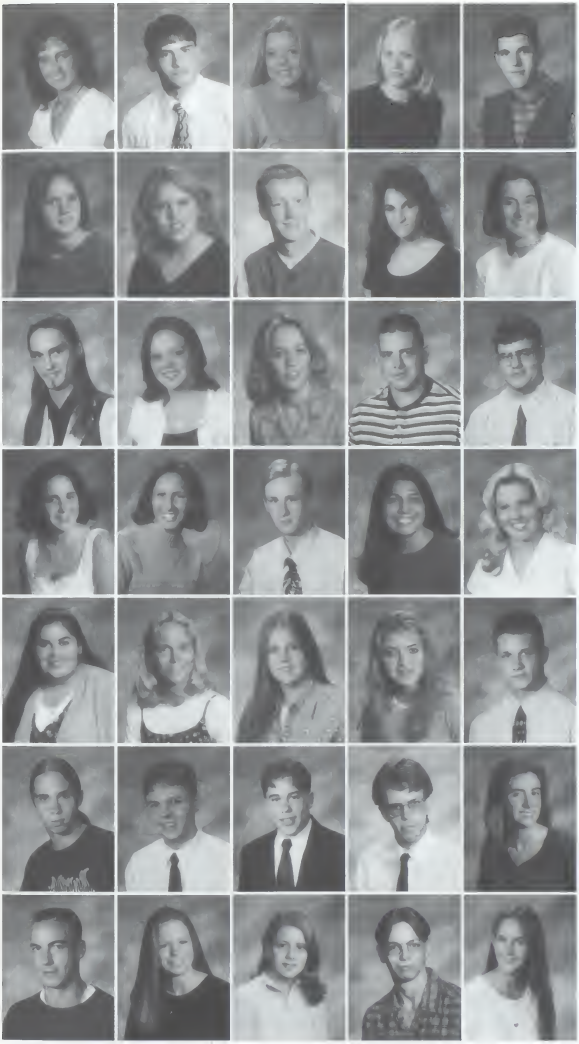
Before first hour, a group of seniors congregate in the Commons before heading off to their first hour. Senior Andy Berger said that he had always liked the Commons because it was a place for him and his friends to hang out. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Alice Ross
[illegible] JROTC 1,2,3,4 Executive Officer, TA 2,3, Softball 1
Jennifer Russell
Bethany Sabin
Writers Block 4, NHS 4, Concert Orchestra 1, Symphonic Orchestra 2,3, Soccer 3,4, Academic Honors Diploma
Nichole Salyer
Doug Samuel
Student Court 3,4 Chief Justice, FCA 1,2,3,4 Vice President, NHS 3,4, Football 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1,2,3, Track 1,4, Intramurals 4

Patrick Sanchez
Stephanie Sandifer
NHS 3,4, Prom Committee 3, Student Council 3,4 Treasurer, SADD/STOP 1,2, Latin Club Symphonic Band 2,3,4, Concert Orchestra 1, Symphonic Orchestra 2, Lab Band II 1
Stephanie Santos
Concert Orchestra 1, Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4, Lab Band I 2, Lab Band II 1, Concert Band 3, Symphonic Band 4, Medieval Club 2, Latin Club 1,2,3, NHS 3,4, Pep Band 2, Marching Band 2, Writers Block 2,3, Sadd 3,4
Lisé Sarich
Justin Sawor-Dika

Jason Sayer
Kimberley Scheeringa
Steve Schrier
Baseball 1,2, Intramurals 3,4, Football 3
Krista Schiller
Symphonic Band 4, Concert Band 2, Lab Band II 1,2, TA 1
Kelli Schmidt
Writers Block 4, NHS 3,4, TA 3,4

Katie Schon
NHS 2,4 Writers Block 4, TA 3,4
Corey Schumacher
Pow Wow 4
Craig Scott
Carol Sellby
Jennifer Servicek



Nichole Shasteen
Pete Shaw
Peer Tutor 1,2,3,4 TA 4 Football I 2,3,4 Captain, Baseball 1,2,3,4 Captain Wrestling 1
Courtney Shchesh
NHS 4 NADD/STOP 2,3,4 Vice President FLHS 3,4, Lab Band II 1 TA
Julia Shelton
Nick Sheldbs
Basketball 1,2,3,4

Carissa Simmons
Courtney Simmons
French Club 1,2, Track 1,2,3 Volleyball I
Josh Sims
Elizabeth Singleton
Amanda Sirokv
TA 1,2,3,4, Symphonic Choir 2, Lab Band II 1, 2 Swimming I, 2 Athletic Trainer 1 Swimming Mgr

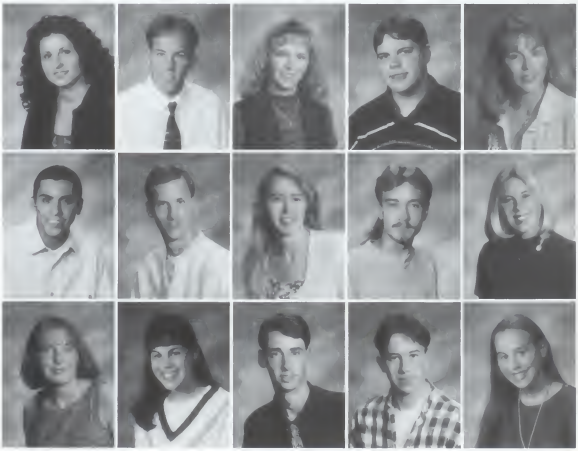
Nathan Sisco
Super Khat
Susan Skokak
Sarah Sloan
TA 2 Concert Orchestra 1 Symphonic Orchestra 2 3,4
Tom Smedley
FA 3,4 Later 4, Intramurals 1,2,3,4
Dan Smith

Belinda Smith
Student Council 4, NADD/STOP 2,3 Secretary, Pep Club 2 DECA Club 2,3 Vice President, Legend 2,3 Student Life Editor Sagia 4, Co-Editor in Chief, Prom Committee 3, TA 2,3,4
Tennis 2 Tennis Mgr 3
Nicole Smith
Steven Smith
Sonia Soto
Swimming 1,2,3,4, NHS 3,4, TA 2,3,4, Concert Band 2, Lab Band 1
Michelle Sparks
Cheerleading 1,2,3,4, Pep Club 1,2,3,4 President, Student Council 1,2,3,4, Gymnastics 1,2,3, Symphonic Choir 2,3,4
Track 3,4 BSMA State Music Contest 1,2,3,4, Concert Band 2,3, Girls Glee 1 Lab Band II 1 TA 3,4
Melissa Spence
NHS 3,4 Academic Team 2,3, Symphonic Orchestra 3,4
Concert Orchestra 1,2, TA 2,3, 4, Credit Union Teller 3,4
Kim Spoa
Jenna St. Julien
Paw Wow 1 Photographer
Jennifer Standish
Eric Stanley

Eric Steigliner
Brian Stevenson
Tom Stinson
Kyle D. Stone
Speech/Debate 4, TA 3 Pep Band 2,3, Jazz Band II 2,3,4, Concert Band 4, Lab Band I 1,2,3
Amanda Strain
Student Council 3, TA 3

Todd Strom
Sonja Sturges
Nissa Svanter
TA 2, Basketball Mgr
Scott Swordeh
Symphonic Orchestra 1,2,3,4
Fawn Tarric
Leadership 3,4

While walking in Fall Homecoming parade, seniors Kim Spoa, Cathy Merritt, Jimmy Lewis, Liz Negron and Mindi Gilbert try to stay warm as the rain pelts down on them. At the beginning of the parade, the sky was cloudy, but as the festivities began, so did the rain. On the way to the starting point, some of the senior class helped the junior class as its float fell into a ditch. The seniors came in first place for float design, with the junior, sophomore and freshman class' placing respectively behind. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***



Brandy Taylor
Tom Taylor
Brandy Thomas
James Thomas Jr.
Thole Thope
Marching Band 1,2, 3,4; Concert Band 2,3,4; German Club 2,3,4; Secretary, Pep Band 1,2; Lab Band 1; HOPE Club 2,3; Spanish Club 3

David Torres Jr.
Charles Trembly
Machelle Trosper
TA 3,4
Damion Urland
Shauna Urbanik
Prom Court 3, Homecoming Court 3,4

Jennifer Urchick
Marissa Vallejo
SADD/STOP 4, Thespians 4, Speech/Debate 4, Chanellers 2,3,4, Concert Choir 1, Symphonic Choir 2,3,4, "The Odd Couple" Junior Miss Semi-Finalist, Junior Miss Talent Award
Ryan Van Aalten
NHS 3,4, Diving 3,4 Captain, Symphonic Choir 2,3 Secretary,4, Chorahers 1,2, Student Council 4, Student Court 4, TA
Phil Vargas
Lisa Vaughan
BPA 4, TA 4, Peer Tutor 4, Softball 1

Lenny Vega
Homecoming Court 1, TA 4, Baseball 1, 2, Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4 Captain
Robert Vega
Melissa Virden
SADD/STOP 2, 3, 4, French Club 4, NHS 3, 4, TA 4, Girls Glee 1, Symphonic Choir 1, 2, 3, Tennis 2, 3, Academic Letter 3, 4
Charles Vrkovich
Amy Walker

Michael Wall
FCA 2, 3, 4, Prom Court 3, Homecoming Court 3, TA 1, 2, 3, 4 Basketball 1, 2, 3
Jennifer Walworth
SADD/STOP 1, Video Club 1, Spanish Club 1, Latin Club 4, Peer Tutor 1, 2, TA 1
Chris Ward
Bonnie Ward
Jake Warner
JROTC 1, 2 Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4 Captain

Luke Weinman
Eric Wells
TA 4
Chris Westerkamp
FCA 2, 3, 4, Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4
Amy Whitworth
Jacob Wick

Perry Will
Jeffrey Wilson
Shaun Wisbiurski
Football 1, Basketball 1, 2, Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Bob Witt
Amanda Wood

Donald Woodke
Trisha Woods
Track 1
Stephanie Yaksic
Soccer 4
Amanda Yates
Clint Yocum
TA 1 Speech/Debate 2

Matt Yoder
Cindy York
Wendy York
Zach Zagar
Youth Alive 2, 3, 4 TA 4, Student Council 4 Senior Class Vice President
Laura Zielinski

Jon Ziemer
Angela Zolkowski
Cross Country 1, 2, 3, Basketball 1 Track 1, 2
Karin Zurcher
Kristen Zurcher
Student Council 3, 4 Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4 Vice President, NHS 3, 4, TA 2, 3, 4 Prom Committee 3, Pep Band 1, Symphonic Band 3, 4, Symphonic Orchestra 2, 3, 4 Lab Band II 1, 2, Volleyball 1, Soccer 2

Steven Adams
Thomas Adams Jr
Michelle Ahlfeld
Adam Alaniz
Christopher Alex
Jaqueline Altaro
Stephanie Anderson
Timothy Armenta

Michael Arwood
Richelle Ashby
Jason Attinger
Patricia Badillo
Bobby Bailey
Elizabeth Bailey
John Bailey
Natalie Balakir

Keri Baldridge
Tasha Ball
Katherine Ballas
Rebbecca Ballinger Harris
Johnny Bangs
Daniel Barajas
Christopher Barker
Stacie Bartholomew

Jason Barwig
Natalie Bates
Michelle Batista
Emily Bauer
Heather Beach
Nicholas Beardsley
Jessica Becke
Missy Bedroya

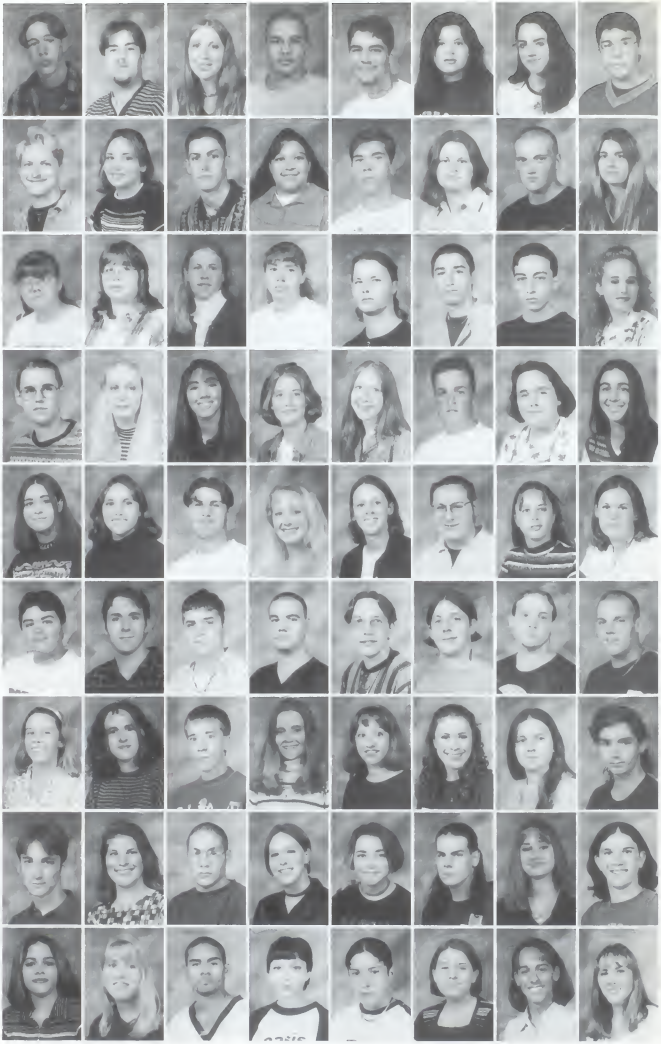
Alisa Bethel
Theresa Bickham
Terry Black
Holly Blake
Shanna Blanton
Anthony Blystone
Kristy Boggs
Kelly Bonner

Thomas Boomsma
Kristian Boruff
Jacob Boyd
Thomas Boyd
Isaac Bragdon
Paul Brajcki
Aaron Branham
Marc Brannon

Traci Ann Bretts
Amanda Brewer
Keith Brown
Mary Brown
Stephanie Brown
Jamie Buchanan
Michael Buckmaster
Jeremey Buckner

Ryan Bull
Elizabeth Bunker
William Busch
Heather Bush
Jeanette Campbell
Christopher Cardenas
Amber Carr
Justin Carr

Rosa Carrion
Shawna Carter
Juan Castillas
Trisha Castagna
Percy Castillo
Shellie Catherman
Elizabeth Cattani
Danielle Cauley



Army helps graduates

Juniors take ASVAB test from military to help with plans after high school.

After the first two high school years have passed, many juniors are stuck as to what they should do with the rest of their lives. Students can receive help from the United States Department of Defense. Representative members of the U.S. Military have come here every year and administered the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery exam (ASVAB) to all the juniors in the school.

The ASVAB is a test in many different subject areas, from how fast a student can add 2+2 to how much they know about the inner workings of a car. The test took three hours to complete and was taken in the first three hours of the day.

When students received their scores in their English classes, there was a workbook they also completed. The workbook had the student find out what their interests are, where their priorities are, and how long they plan to stay in school. The pages in this workbook, along with the score sheet, allowed each student to fill out the Occu-find booklet with a marker that made stars appear to tell them what types of careers they would probably be suited for and be happy doing it.

Many of the careers were not what the students expected. Junior Lisa Crouch said, "The careers that were on my test were pretty accurate, but others were off the wall."

Although the ASVAB was a guide to help those students who did not have any ideas about what careers they wanted to pursue, it was also able to be a reinforcement for students who had an idea of what they wanted to do with the rest of their lives. However, these test scores are not just for the use of the student. The U.S. Military also uses the information. When a person would enlist in any branch of the military their ASVAB scores are looked at and a suggestion as to what field of training the recruit would most likely be able to adapt to or learn without much difficulty is made.

According to Sergeant Jim Parish of the Army Recruiting Center in Valparasio, "One of the first things looked at is the ASVAB scores, take another of the sergeants here. He scored really high on the computer section, but he wanted to be an M.P.. The recruiter looked at his scores and said that he would be suited for that also."

The ASVABs were just a guide, but hopefully they have helped some people who did not have a path in life to make informed choices about their career choices. • ***Katy Ballas***

While at the National Honor Society's banquet, juniors Liz Mirr and Ben Hoffman meet with their families during the reception. The banquet was held in the auditorium and featured several speakers. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Talking on the telephone to her ex-husband, junior Jacklyn Meza plays the part of Olive in the fall play, "The Odd Couple." The performance introduced many juniors to the stage, including Pat Conway and Ryan Sweeney. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

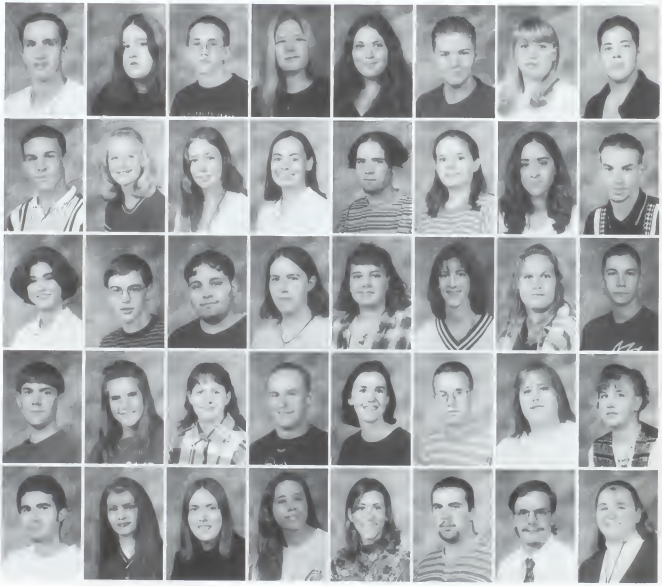
Nicholas Cerda
Jennifer Chapman
Ray Chapman
Holly Chinn
Brooke Chirila
Chad Chitwood
Jennifer Christian
Noah Cieliesz

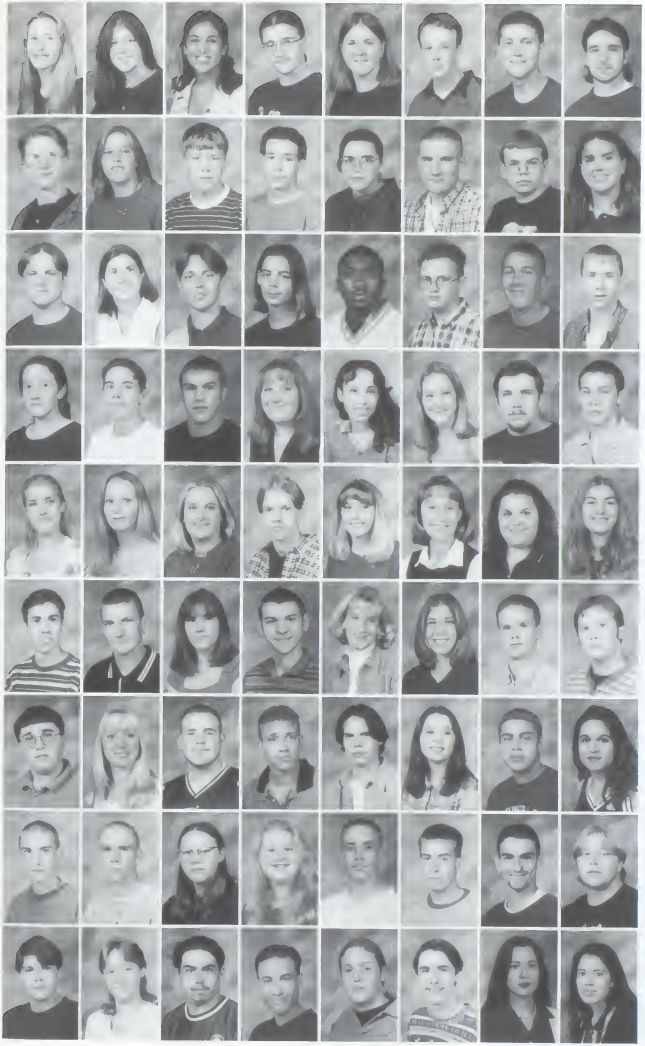
Anthony Cimbaljevich
Leacia Circle
Rebecca Clay
Megan Cleary
Thomas Clendaniel
Rebecca Clouse
Leslie Coello
Steven Conder

Andrea Connelly
Brian Conner
Roy Contreraz, Jr.
James Conway
April Cooros
Tracey Corey
Melissa Cowsert
Robert Cox

Kevin Crawford
Heather Cresap
Shaun Crider
Matthew Crizer
Lisa Crouch
Jim Culig
Crystal Cummings
Erin Daege

Alex Daich
Michelle Daniel
Heather Danielewicz
Jennifer Darnell
Martha Davaney
Joshua Davis
Richard Dean
Kimberly Deboe





Melissa De Bord
Brianna Degener
Irene DeJesus
Michael Delph
Nicole Demarco
James DeWitt
Thomas Dicken
Dustin Dickerson

Charles Dills
Carisa Dixon
Charles Doll, Jr.
Louis Dominguez
Jessica Dozier
Andrew Drake
Micheal Drandchak
Jennifer Dunning

Jason Dusz
Nicole Easton
Mark Eastwood
James Eckelbarger
Edmond Edmond
Gregory Egendorfer II
Michael Ellerman
John Emmet, Jr.

Natasha Erdelen
Joseph Ernst
Eric Erway
Vicki Eshleman
Monica Essig
Kelly Evans
Ryan Falck
Jason Farley

Melissa Fejes
Winter Felinski
Sara Fields
Aaron Finco
Jillian Finnerty
Cheryl Flach
Amanda Flanagan
Hollie Fleming

Michael Flores
Aaron Fletcher
Melissa Fluck
Emmanouel Fokianos
Amanda Ford
Natalie Fornari
Jeromie Forystek
Hayes Francis

Jason Frazier
Theresa Frechette
Brian Freeman
Christopher Freville
Philip Gagna
Melissa Gales
Arturo Gallardo
Sonia Garcia

Justin Garza
Damien Gass
Rebecca Gatewood
Elaine Geeting
Timothy Gensimore
George Geren, Jr.
Daniel Gesmond
Jesse Gibson

Michael Gibson
Kristy Gilbert
Christopher Gill
Luis Glinos
Michael Golfredo
Craig Golbesky
Laura Gonzales
Lydia Gonzales

As many students arrive at school well before the first bell, some, like junior Holly Chinn, spend their last few minutes of relaxation time sitting in front of their lockers. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Karina Gonzalez
Rachel Grant
Mary Green
Marcy Greer
Todd Griffey
Aaron Gulbransen
Angie Gutierrez
Bianca Gutierrez

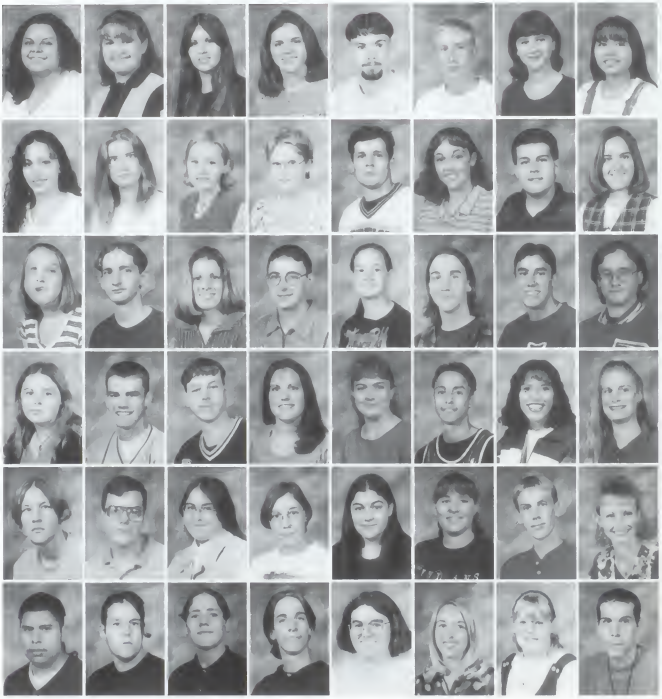
Sondra Gutierrez
Jodie Haack
Julie Hale
Krystal Hale
Joe Hall
Nicole E. Hall
Ralfie Hamerski
Kristel Hammerstein

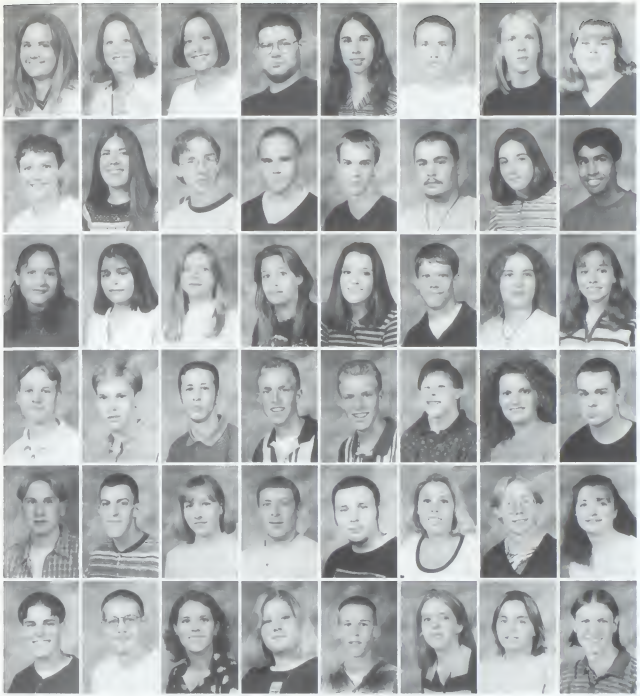
Amber Hammond
James Haniacek
Amber Hardin
Richard Harry II
Kristen Hasselgren
David Hasty
Michael Hatch
Adam Hatten

Nicole Healy
Mark Heckman
Patrick Helmecy
Kimberly Hendley
Tova Henson-Gajdik
Fred Hernandez
Marisa Hernandez
Kristi Hesseltine

Jayson Hicks
Michael Hill
Amanda Hise
Holleah Hitchcock
Jennifer Hodge
Michelle Hodges
Benjamin Hoffmann
Danyeall Hofmann

William Holguin
Michael Holland
Christopher Hollon
Joe Holloway
Jessica Hoover
Sarah Hopp
Michelle Hostetler
Nicolas Hotchkiss





Leah Huddleston
Natalie Huffman
Stephanie Huffman
Nicholas Hufnagl
Jodie Hunt
John Michael Hutchins
Aragorn Ilg
Elisabeth Ireland

Diandra Irvin
Stefanie Iwan
James Jacobs
Andrew Jacobson
Randy Jacobson
Joseph James
Gabrielle Jaremczuk
Fahad Javed

Lorriane Jimenez
Melissa Jimenez
Jennifer Johnson
Melissa Johnson
Sarah Johnson
Thomas Johnson
Tonya Johnson
Erin Johnston

Mikeal Jones
Daniel Kaletta
Ethan Kallio
Daniel Kaminski
Stephen Kaminski
Shane Kary
Abigail Kay
James Keaton

Jacob Kleckner
Jeremy Kleckner
Jessica Koons
Ryan Korbar
Jeremy Korem
Jamie Kornacki
Philip Kowalski
Jennifer Kozik

Brent Ksenak
Aaron Kujawa
Dana Kulps
Jennifer Kuzma
Nickolas Ladra
Ginger Lapine
Christina Lawrence
Daniel Lehman

Because many of the students who take study hall really didn't need it, some, like Angel Rodriquez chose to give up their study hall to become an office aide or teachers assistant. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Alternative Fun

SADD\STOP and parents team up to give students a safe place to party.

Every year, somewhere it happens. A police officer is forced to go to the door and talk to the parents of a corpse. A drunk driver that just lost control, but that doesn't matter now, now they're gone.

"What happened? What went wrong? How could this have happened to our baby?" These are the questions the parents will ask and no one will be able to comfort them.

It's startling to think how many times a year this happens on Prom night. Someone was cut down this year on a night that was supposed to represent their coming into adulthood.

Parents, Community and School, Together (P.C.S.T), SADD\STOP and the junior class teamed up to rekindle an old tradition. After Prom was a tradition back in the late '70s and early '80s. During this time it was mainly a parent organized event. "The last Post Prom was held in 1986," Assistant Principal Jerry Lasky said.

P.C.S.T. was formed with the concept of the Post Prom in mind. At the first meeting, only three parents showed up, but the groups continued to push forward and the next meeting brought 15 parents.

Some students just needing something to do with their time, is one of the appeals of the Post Prom. "Post Prom will give me something to do with all my friends," junior Mary Brown said.

Many organizations and businesses donated money to the event. The groups starting the Post Prom all felt that prom was expensive enough and that keeping the cost down was extremely important. "We also wanted a lot of students to attend," Brown added.

"The city of Portage was very positive to the idea and also the Park Department gave us the hall, the rooms and the gym at a very generous price," Lasky said. He also would like to thank everyone who helped with the project.

Hopefully the first Post Prom at this school in many years was as memorable as the Prom itself. • ***Matt Welches***

Mary Lennex
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Deborah Lesko
Kristen Levan
Terry Levin
Brian Levy
Michael Lewandowski
Timothy Lewandowski

Jonathan Lewis
Nicole Lewis
Jamie Liebe
Joseph Llanos
Melissa Lloyd
Shannon Longmore
William Loubriel III
Stacey Low

Melissa Lowe
Bryan Lucas
Tiana Lugo
Kirk Lyons
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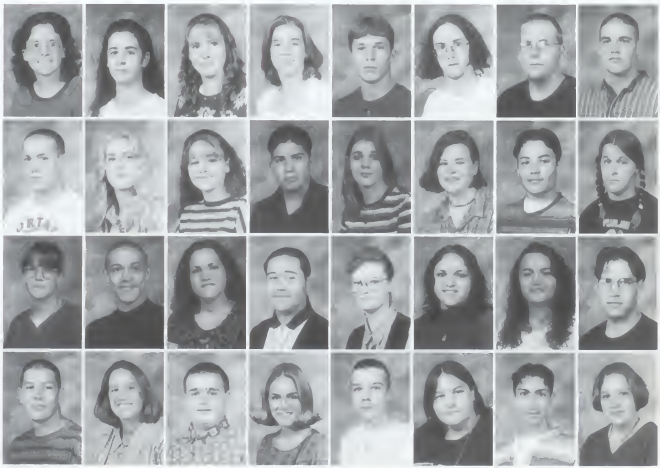

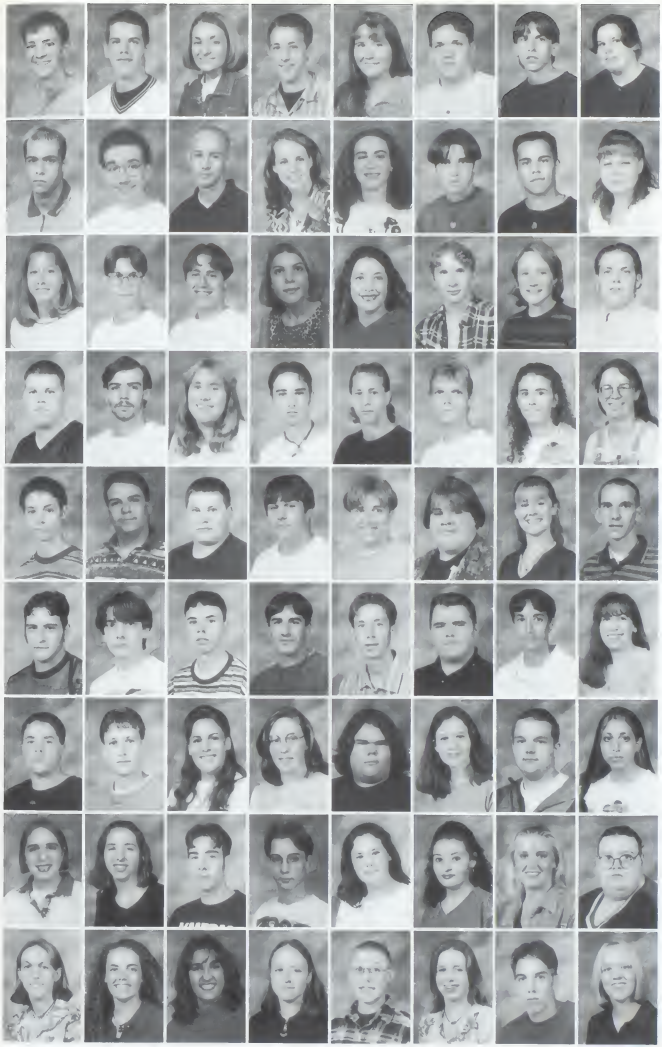

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Megan Nelson
Timothy Nelson

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Chad Newsum
Patrick Newton
Jason Niloff
Robert Oakes
Mike Odisho
Melissa Oliver

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Richard Ostertag
Kathryn Ostrander
Laura Owen
Nathan Ozug
Kristina Pall
William Parnell
Erica Passaloukos

Kaliope Paviadakis
Alecia Pavic
Kevin Payne
Raymond Peda
Patience Pedone
Alicia Pedroza
Michele Perkins
Franklyn Perrin, Jr.

Juleen Pezel
Danielle Pickart
Yvonne Piehl
Stacy Porter
Bradley Press
Tkayline Pridomore
Toby Provins
Carla Pugh

Relaxing and listening to some tunes, Steve Banke hangs out in the commons at lunch. Students from all the grades would get together and talk after eating lunch.• *Theresa Lavendusky*

Ricardo Pulido
Todd Pulsoni
Tony Ravich
Erica Radic
William Rajski
Kelley Ramian
Micheal Ramos
Jacquelyn Rattray

John Ray
Kathy Rea
Kimberly Reedy
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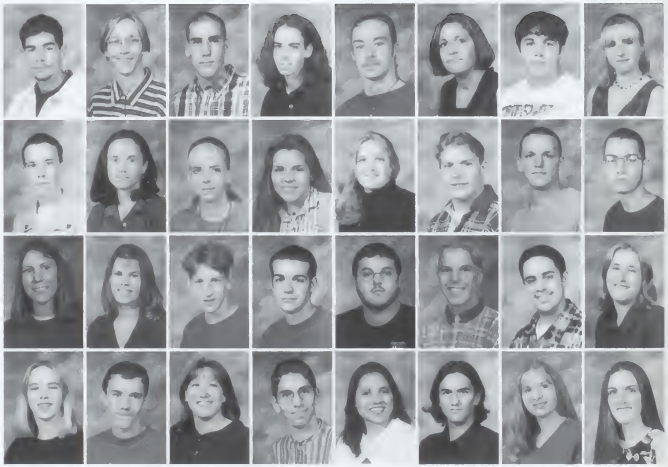


Chilling out before school in the Commons, junior Nathan Ozug has fun with a fellow student. Many students hung out in the Commons before and after school each day. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Jeff Ross
Rosemary Rubalcava
Gabrielle Ruggeri
Heather Ruse
Shannon Russum
Craig Rutkowski
Matthew Rzepka
George Sabo

Gabriel Salinas
April Samuels
Michael Sanchez
Jennifer Sandage
Edwin Santiago
Julie Scanlan
Thomas Scharpf
Brandon Schmidt

Corey Schnarr
Adam Scott
Ismael Sedo, Jr.
April Selvage
Michael Sepke
Joshua Shear
David Shearer
Anis Sheih

Heather Shoup
Timothy Shuttz
Kathleen Siminski
Shaun Simmons
Cory Sizemore
Alicia Smith
Brandon Smith
Heather Smith

Stephanie Smock
Anthony Sobczak
Chadwick Solivais
Christopher Spence
Stephanie Spenner
Stephan Stanfel
Sabrina Stearns
Ules Stidam III

Megan Stout
Scottie Stout
Shannon Strickland
Timothy Sudlow
Stephanie Suffern
Michael Sullivan
Ryan Sweeney
Charles Switzer

Amanda Szentesy
Michael Szostek
Ryan Taiclet
Joseph Tanner
Marc Tarpley
Tonya Thornton
Frances Tibbetts
Gwyn Tidwell

David Torres
Evana Torres
Emily Trathen
Glodia Tulaga
Jonathan Tummond
Brad Twilla
Phillip Tyskiewicz
Sarah Uzelac

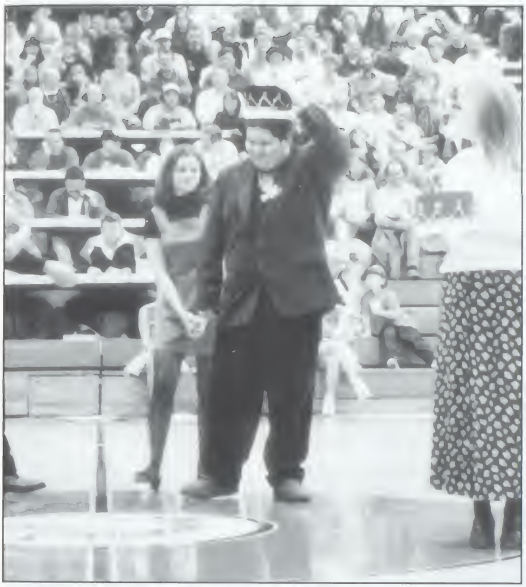
Jennifer Vanderploeg
William Vann
Kelly Vargas
Joshua Vaudt
Michael Vega
Nicole Villarreal
Genanne Voynovich
Eric Vukovich

Douglas Walstra
Daniel Walworth
Kristal Waters
Phillip Watkins
Brian Watson
Kevan Watson
Stephanie Waugh
Jennifer Wayte

Shannon Webb
Tabetha Weldon
Maegan Wendt
Anthony Whiteside
Nina Wild
Nathan Wilson
Rachel Wilson
Christopher Wilusz

Working on his homework, junior Blake Wiseman gets in close to his paper during class. Wiseman rode on the junior class' float during the homecoming parade, which fell into a ditch before the parade started. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

During a volleyball match, junior Jamie Kornacki bumps the ball for the set and spike from her teammates. In addition to volleyball, Kornacki also played basketball and intramural volleyball during the spring. • ***William Busch***



After being announced the Winter Homecoming Prince, junior Nathan Ozug taps his crown before walking in front of the crowd. During first hour of that day, the junior class voted on who they wanted for prince and princess. The princess was junior Irene DeJesus.
• *Theresa Lavendusky*

Joseph Winicky
Matthew Winkoff
Elizabeth Wireman
Blake Wiseman
Tiffany Witka
Rhonda Wooke
Jason Woods
Ryan Woods

William Worak
Robert Woynaroski
Chad Wright
Cora Wright
John Wright
Kristi Yates
Jason Yuraitis
Eugenia Zaganas

Jody Zeese
Jeremy Zeha
Michael Zenci
Cathy Zielinski
Jennie Zielinski
Elizabeth Zolkowski

'X'tra Credit

Advanced, or 'X' classes do more work but do not recieve weighted credit

Imagine having more homework, studying more for extra tests and doing more class work than your friends in regular classes, but receiving no reward for all your hard work.

Many freshmen and sophomores did just that by enrolling in advanced classes. Advanced classes were classes that did more work, went faster and looked more in-depth at the subject at hand. When juniors and seniors enrolled in classes such as these they received a reward for all their extra work: honors credit. If they did well in their class and obtained at least a C, their grade point average was raised at least one point, allowing students to receive up to a 5.0. instead of a 4.0. However, freshmen and sophomore students who took advanced classes were not given the honors credit option, except when in third year foreign languages. Sophomore Valaree Nestorovich said, "We should receive honors credit because we work harder than those students in regular [classes]."

Sophomore Lindsay Easton agreed with Nestorovich. "Why should we do more work and get the same grade point average as students who do less work?" Easton said.

Mr. Lowell Johnson explained that "X" classes (also known as advanced classes) were never intended to be equivalent to the Honors courses. "'X' was used to indicate that those classes are advanced, but that they did not meet the Honors' criteria," Johnson said. Johnson explained that the "X" classes were meant for students who needed more advanced classes but did not have either the ability or maturity at that time to meet the Honors criteria yet. Johnson further said that such students would often continue on to become involved in the Honors program.

Despite complaints by students about not receiving Honors credit, many students still chose advanced classes. Easton said, "I like being in advanced classes better because I feel like I learn and accomplish more.

• ***Kathy Rea and Jeremiah Newhall***

Bridget Abbot
Jocelyn Adamski
Norma Addison
April Adkins
Holly Adkins
Daniel Adkisson
Kristy Alaniz
Autumn Alderson

Troy Alford
David Alonzo
Jeffrey Amstein
Robert Eric Anderson
Robert Thomas Anderson
Brandi Arcuri
Christopher Ash
Jacob Atherton

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Majorie Austin
Richard Ayala Jr.
Johnny Azcona
Audie Bailey
Elizabeth Balash
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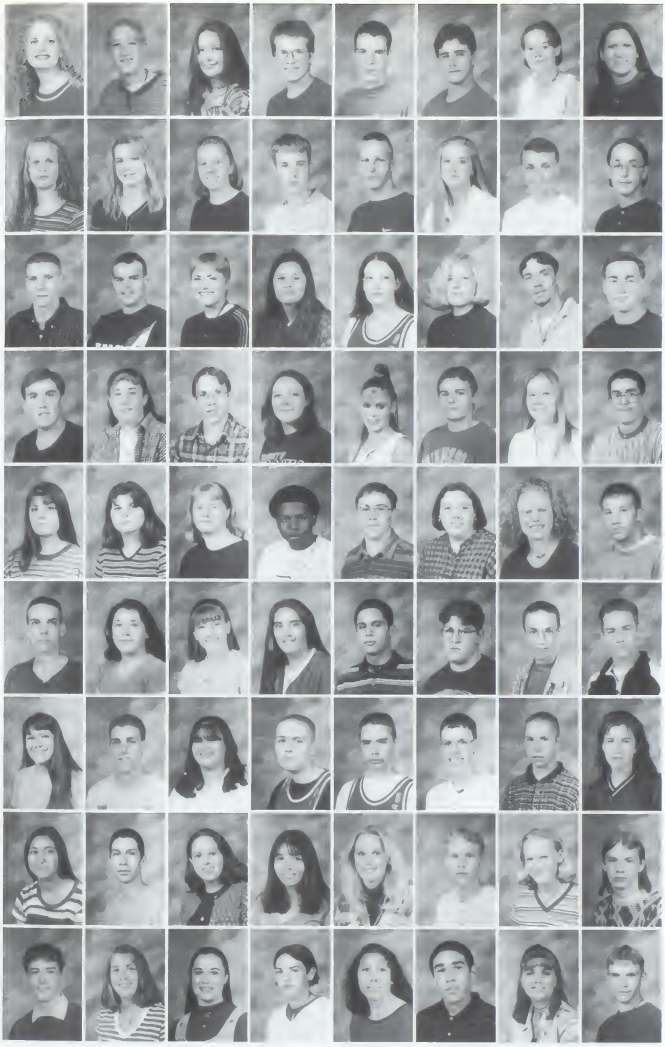

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Eric Curiel

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Tara Curtis
Cairiel D'Aloisio
Cari Daniel
Kevin Dash
Sabrina Davis
Mathew Dean
Robert Debernardi

Kathleen Dec
Ashlie Dehaven
Linette DeJesus
Michelle Delgado
Jennifer Denny
Robyn Detterline
Sally Detterline
Erik Dewitt

Ryan Dexter
Kathryn Dick
Anthony Doeing
Ryen Dohner
Tiffany Dominick
Dylan Doran
Edward Downs
Roshelle Doyle

Patricia Duarte
Steven Dujmovich
Daniel Durfee
Jeffrey During
Dolores Duron
Daysha Dusz
Charlotte Betha Dutcher
Renee Dutcher

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Lindsay Easton
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Sarah Eckhart
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Julie Edgerton
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Marilee Epley
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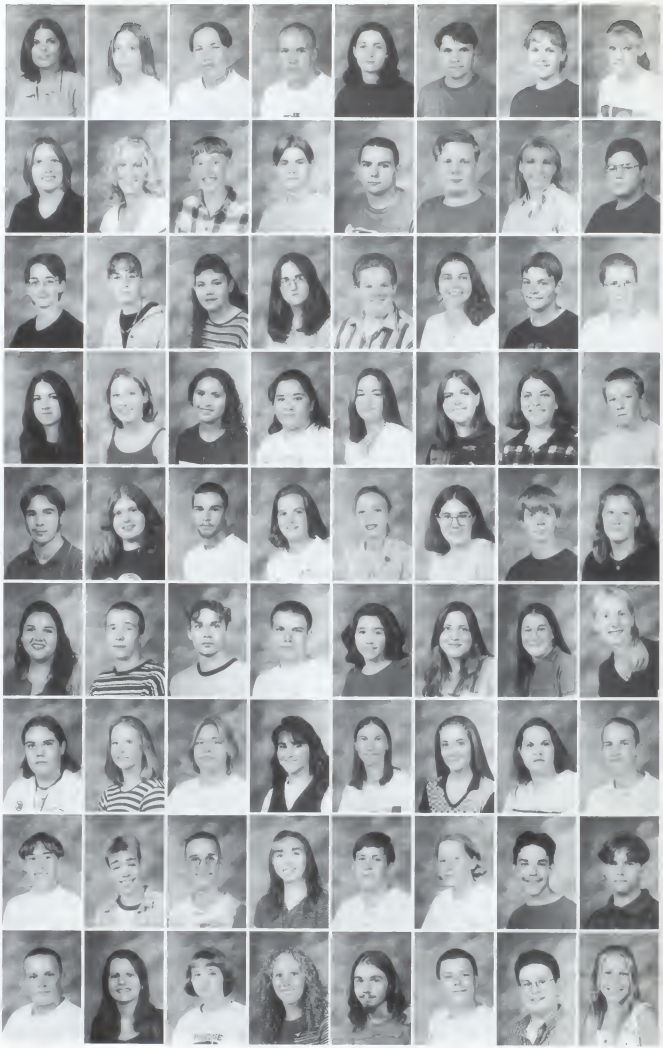

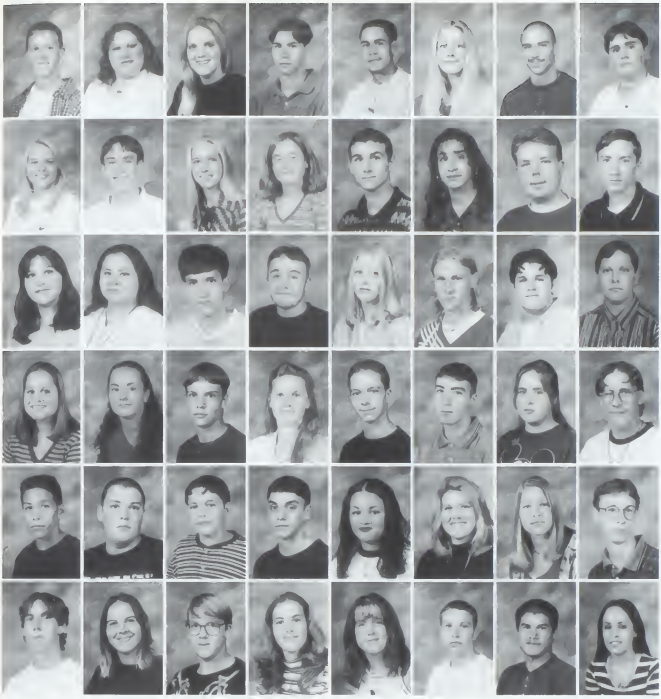

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James Frizzell
Sardin Fuentes
Daniel Fulkerson
Adam Gaines

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Arthur Geary
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James Gilbert II
Mark Gillie

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Kellie Glans
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Joseph Golarz
Heather Golec
Walter Golec

Joe Gomez
Robert Gomez
Nathan Gonzales
Moses Gonzalez
Raquel Gonzalez
Tiffancy Gorby
Jessica Grant
Bradley Green

Michael Griffith
Kortni Grochowski
Kevin Gross
Suzanne Grunden
Tina Guernsey
Adam Gurevitz
Arthur Gutierrez
Shirin Gutierrez

Taking a break from class, sophomores Rosanna Torres and Tiffany Dominic share a laugh while at the water fountain. The pair were in Miss Megan Donelli's class together at West during the first semester. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

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Cheryl Guzikowski
Tiffanie Haburjak
Allen Hagan
Michael Hailey
Kelli Hale
Brandi Hall
Rebecca Hall

Scott Hall
James Hankins
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Sheri Johnson

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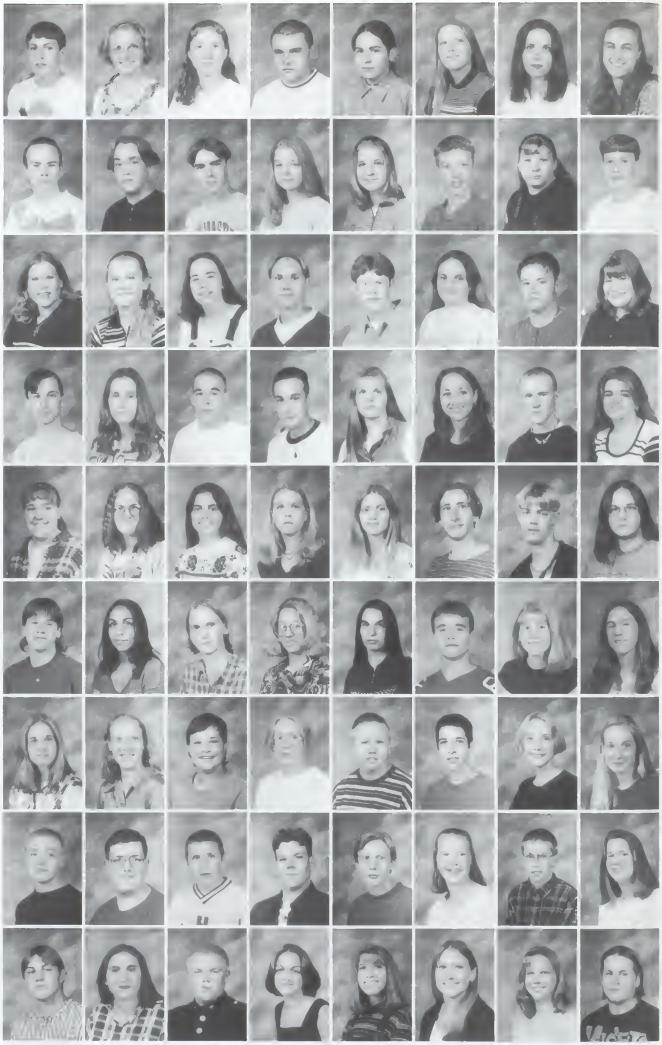

Sophomore Jessica Lach practices Taekwando after school. Many students took an interest in this which was designed for self-defense. Much of the student interest was generated by a demonstration, which Lach was part of, for a S.A.D.D./S.T.O.P. Halloween party. • *Theresa Lavendusky*

Pausing momentarily during Mr. Richard Shearer's photography class, sophomore Dee Dee Duron takes some notes. Duron enjoyed photography, and was considering taking more classes related to it later in high school. Shearer encouraged students to continue in photography. • *Theresa Lavendusky*

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Peter Langley
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Rodney Lawrence
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Richard Lopez Jr.
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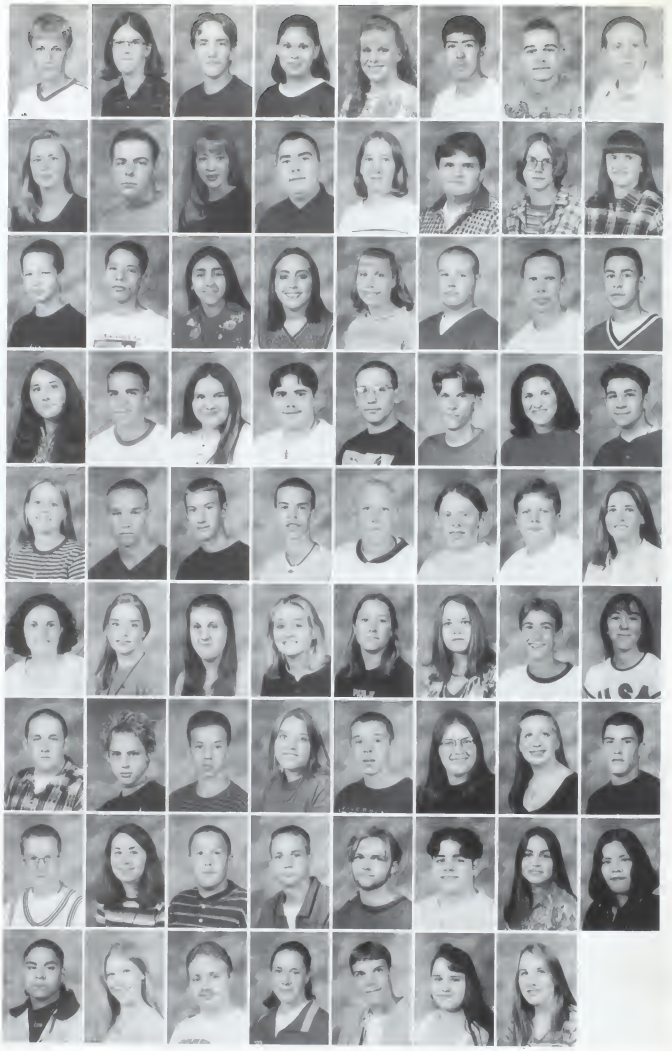

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Dropping Out

At 16, sophomores come face-to-face with the decision of a lifetime

As "Billy" turns 16, he decides to drop out of school. But before leaving school, he has to go through an exit interview with his parents and Mr. Lowell Johnson.

The interview is part of the process all students must go through to drop out. In the exit interview, the parents talk with Johnson and examine the possibilities available to the student. The student has the options of attending an alternative school, he/she can go to the Portage Adult Education Center, or there is even the option of staying out of school for a short time.

Sophomore Carl Benjamin said that he had a few friends that thought about dropping out, but he said that despite sometimes feeling discouraged he decided, "Hey, I'll stay in school because I want to go to college and be an architect and that takes a lot of work."

Many students were discouraged about staying in school, but there was a light at the end of the tunnel: teachers. For sophomore Holly Adkins, the teacher that she got along with was Mr. Richard Shearer. She disliked some of her teachers, but she enjoyed Shearer's photography class.

Despite efforts by the school administration and teachers, some students still chose to drop out of school for good.

Despite their efforts to see every student graduate, the administration conceded that there would likely always be a few dropouts. "Sometimes this place is not for everyone," Johnson said. • ***Genanne Voynovich***

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Chadwick Peyton
Richard Piazza
Amanda Pirowski
Jennifer Pisinsky
Jonathan Pollard
Samuel Pomeroy

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Lisette Reyes
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Kristy Rhodes

LaToya Richards
Jennifer Riffle
Paul Robertson
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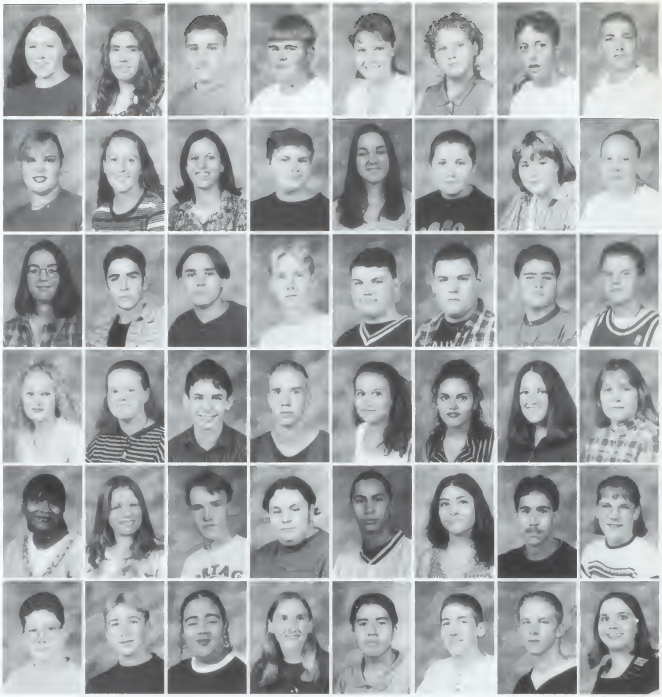
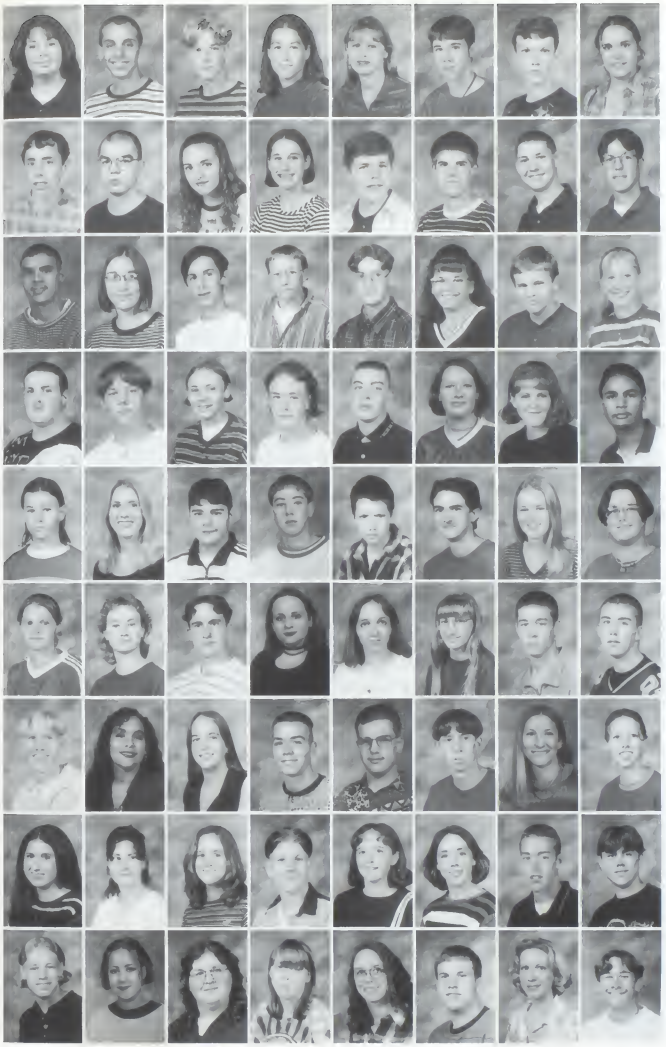


Putting his feet up on his desk, sophomore Micah Bornstein pauses to take a break during Ms. Annette Kulmatycki's 10th hour sculpture class.
• ***Michelle Kniola***



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Kevin Stout
Kevin Streight

Jonathan Styers
Stephanie Sulcer
Pamala Sulitz
Patricia Sulitz
Tiffany Surer
Eric Swanson
Tiffany Swanson
Joshua Swindle

Putting their heads together, sophomores Rich Mayerik and Eriara Morette get their work done. The two were friends and classmates in Mr. Richard Shearer's photography class. Photography classes gave students a chance to take and develop their own pictures.
• *Theresa Lavendusky*

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Robert Taylor
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Sara Thatcher

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Cynthia Torrez
Christopher Traywick
Phillip Treece, Jr.
Sharalyn Trembicki

Tracy Truax
Justin Tucker
Shaun Vah
Jeremy Vallo
Donald Vanderploeg
Piper Van Santen
Barry Vanwieren
Tiffany Vargas

Yvette Vasquez
Monica Vega
Mario Villanueva, Jr.
Lester Villetoe
Andrew Volk
Anthony Vondrasek
Michelle Votero
Ryan Wall

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Jeremy Wallace
Kevin Wallskog
Jessica Walstra
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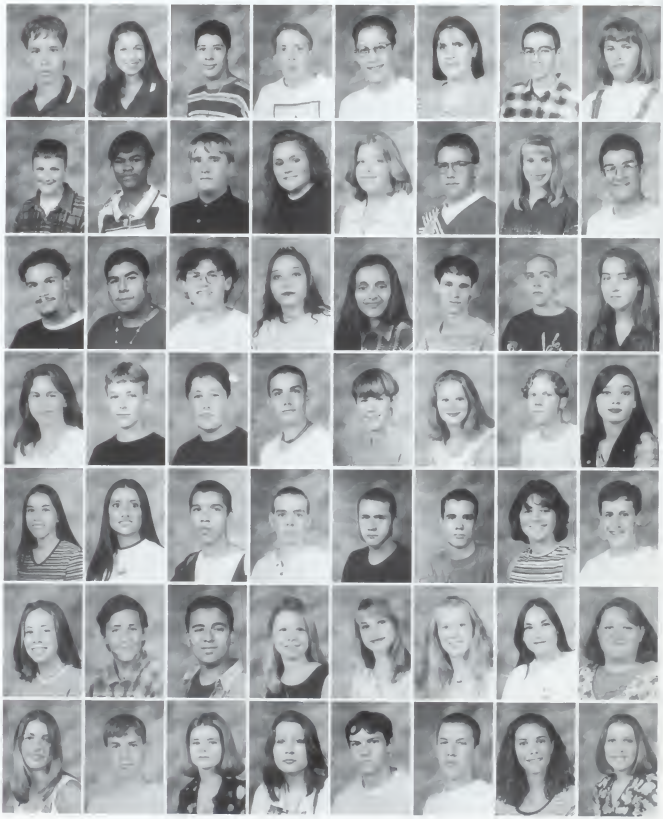

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Tim Williams

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Jacob Yasko
Erica Yates
Rebecca Zajicek
Amy Zaragoza
Jeffery Zeha
Eric Zell

Melissa Zimmerman
Brian Zingo
Deanna Zych

Matter of Inches

When it comes to height, sophomores reveal the long and short of it

Height became an increasingly important measuring stick for status in society. While some sophomores had trouble measuring up, others went above and beyond to reached head and shoulders above the rest.

Imagine always sticking out in a crowd and constantly hearing jokes like, "How's the weather up there?" Now imagine nearly getting stepped on and not being able to see over the people in front of you at the movies. If you don't think height affects people's lives, think again.

At only 5 foot, sophomore Jessica Kroledge found that there were significant problems with being short. Kroledge noted that many things seemed designed for people taller than herself. When asked to name specific items, she replied, "Everything, I'm only five foot!"

On the other hand, sophomore Kevin Stout felt that his height had been a blessing. "It's helped me in basketball and also I can reach alot of stuff on high shelves," he said.

Kroledge felt that people thought less of her because of her height. "People underestimate you," she said. "Big jocks don't even notice you in the lunchline."

Stout doesn't consider himself conceited, but admitted to looking down on a great deal of people. "I have to in order to talk to them, unless they are even taller than me," he said.

Height affected the way students saw life. After all, it's tough to walk in someone else's shoes when they don't fit. • ***Jeremiah Newhall***

Jennifer Abbot
Aimee Acosta
Nora Ailes
Branden Akers
April Akins
Jeffery Alexander
Jeremy Alexander
Ruben Alicea

Sarah Alsman
Stephanie Altieri
David Alvarado
Jamie Anderson
Jennifer Andrews
Matthew Andryuk
John Antecki
David Aponte

Jason Ayala
Cecilia Azcona
Stacy Babjak
Jared Back
Patrick Back
Nicole Bacso
Jessica Balakir
Amy Bando

Richard Banke
Christina Barajas
Starr Barber
Danialle Barnett
Phillip Barnville
Samantha Barszcz
Amy Barwig
Elizabeth Batista

Paul Bauer
Jamie Baum
Erika Beal
Matthew Beardsley
Kimberly Bearss
Philip Beggs
Michelle Bellar
Karen Belsha

Anthony Benefiel
Lindsey Benninger
Ross Berg
Shawn Berryman
James Bewley
Thomas Bingham
Michelle Blaik
Joseph Bloomfield III

Gabriel Bodnar
Joshua Bonta
Valerie Borg
Nevill Boruff
Michael Bower
Mary Bradley
David Brajcki
Alicia Branham

Scott Brannon
Jennifer Braselton
Ryan Brewster
Meredith Breyfogle
Genise Britton
James Broadway
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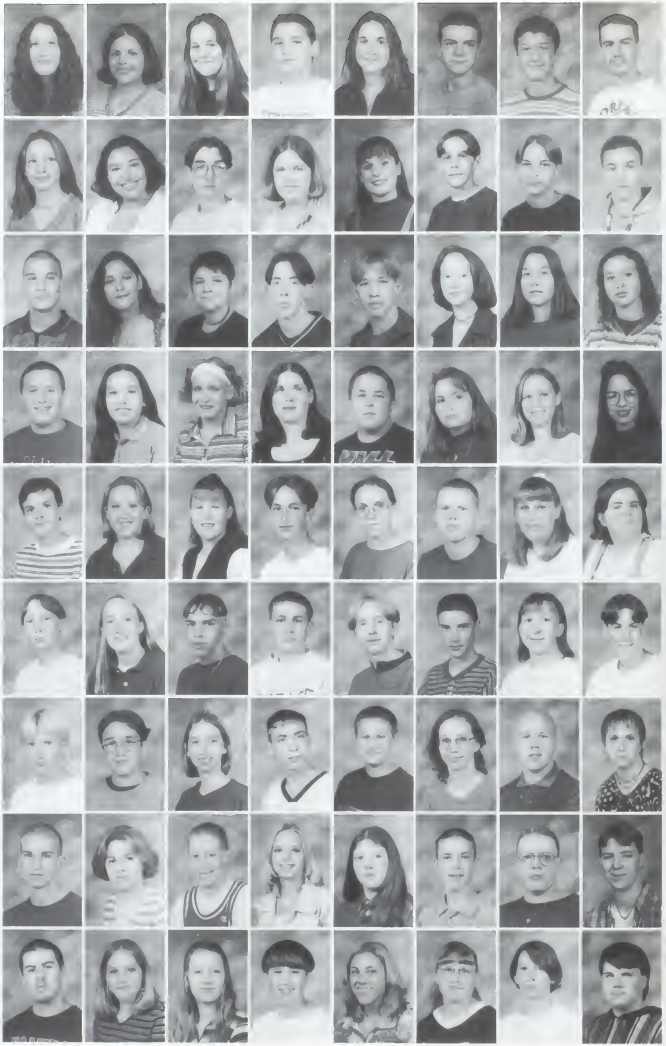

Teasing hard to find

Upperclassmen teasing of freshmen was less rampant than it had been in past years

Slogans insulting ninth graders and acts of freshman "initiation" had been around for awhile but infatuation with teasing the underclassmen seemed to have fizzled out.

In a survey, many freshmen interviewed said that they had never been teased about being a freshman. They did say that they knew of friends who had been teased, especially on athletic teams.

"They [seniors] say we're not good enough for sports," freshman Mike Durfee said.

Freshman Darryl Henson agreed, "The guys on the cross country team make me go get water bottles for them."

Some underclassmen who were related to upperclassmen said that they were not teased.

"My sister has not teased me yet and I am really shocked about that," freshman Rachel Vallejo said.

One reason why the trend in freshman harassment had gone down was because the age gap was not quite as big as it had been in past years.

"A lot of freshmen hang out with older people now," freshman Crystal Burch said, "There are kids in ninth grade just as old as seniors."

Some seniors cold not recall being teased as freshmen.

"I never was teased. Boys were teased a lot more than girls, though," senior Cindy Grunden said.

Throughout the years freshmen have been teased for being so young and freshman hazing may have once run rampant but at almost the end of the century traces of laughter at the expense of underclassmen were hard, if not impossible, to find.

• ***Joseph Durk***

Jennifer Byroad
John Camacho
Brian Camp
Tara Cardenas
Shannon Curl
Vance Carlin
Amie Cairns
Erik Carpenter

Lacie Carillo
Shamiah Carroll
Travis Casbon
Jesse Casper
Tiffany Castanga
Steve Cates
Sandra Caudill
Aaron Caylor

Getting some extra help from each other, freshmen Nicole Manna and Megan Piddington work together on a homework problem. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Passing a smile to friend, freshman Doug Lewandowski stops at a water fountain in the West Building. Lewandowski played in the Concert Orchestra, which was a change from playing in middle school. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Tammy Chadwick
Julian Chang
Jennifer Cheif
Kenneth Cheney
Sarah Childers
Christopher Childs
Jeffery Christian
Jennifer Chubbs

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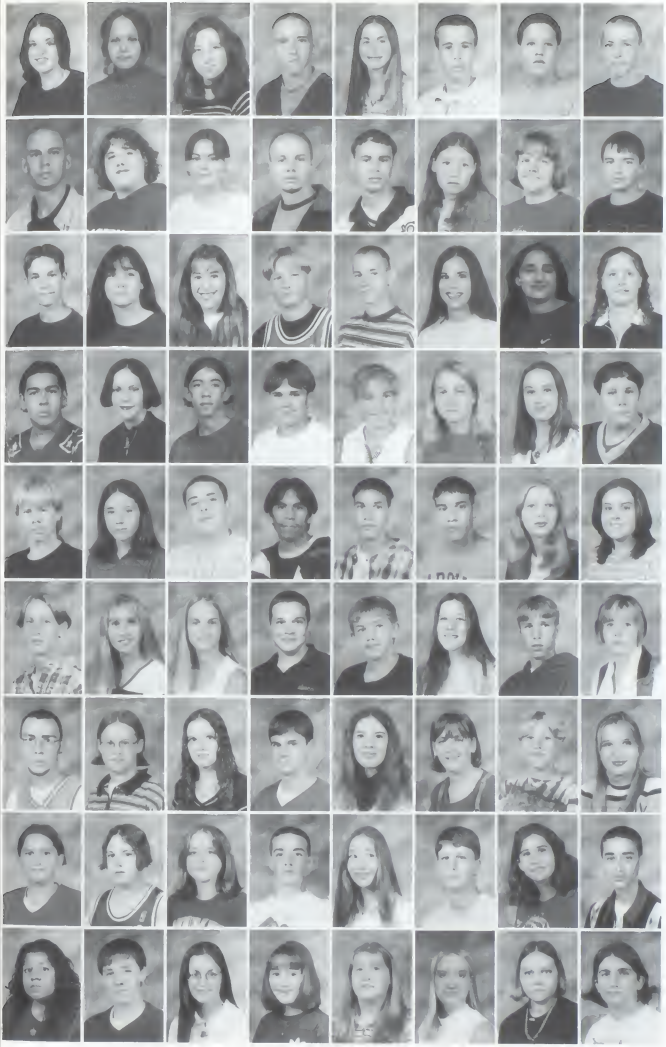

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Hubert Cook
Christopher Cool
Chad Copeland

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Irene Coros
Brandy Cotton
Derrick Cowger
James Cowsert
Danielle Coyne
Eileen Craighead
Reggie Creason

Eric Creech
Jennifer Creech
Danielle Cresap
Jeremiah Crisp
Matthew Cronch
Deborah Cruz
Angelique Cuevas
Vicky Cummings

Joseph Cusson
Brynn D'Aloisio
Daniel Daily
Jason Daily
Kristin Danskin
Christina Davies
Crystel Davis
Jeremy Davis

Lee Davis
Mikell Davy
Jason De La Paz
Robert De Leon
Christopher Delgado
Richard Delgado
Stephanie Deyoung
Nicole Diaz

Daniel Divich
Jennifer Dixon
Melanie Dobos
Robert Dominguez
Kenneth Draves
Connie Dudley
Derek Dudzik
Lydia Duerr

Michael Duncan II
Kyle Dunn
Amber Durfee
John Durfee
Heidi Durkin
Catherine Durr
John Durr
Samantha Edmond

Edward Egendorfer
Mark Egolf
Amber Eidman
Chad Ellenson
Crystal Ensign
Matthew Erickson
Amber Ernhart
Carlos Escabalzeta

Ariana Escobar
Eric Eshelman
Angela Espinoza
Mandy Evans
Ada Evetts
Sarah Eyermann
Kristen Falardeau
Christopher Falck

Matthew Farner
Lisa Feeney
Jason Feliciano
Joseph Feliciano
Yecenia Feliz
William Fields
Erin Fitzgerald
Adam Fletcher

Susie Fogle
Aaron Foreman
Katie Foster
Meredith Fozkos
Anthony France
Matthew Francis
Dessire Franco
Erin Furnish

William Garner
Katherine Garris
Charity Garwood
Carly Gaspich
Danijela Gazibara
Nicholas George
Amie Giesler
Angela Gish

Kristin Glancy
Bret Gnat
Jeremy Goins
Ronnie Goldsmith
Cynthia Gonzalez
Victor Gonzalez II
Joshua Grant
Elizabeth Gray

Letitia Gray
Matthew Gray
Nancy Green
Chrystal Greenwell
Nanta Griffin
Koren Grounds
Regina Gudinas
Nathan Gurski

Kevin Guth
Alexander Guiterrez
Justin Guiterrez
Savannah Guiterrez
Jessie Haack
Brandon Haddix
Michael Halaschak
Donald Hale III

Amy Hall
Jennifer Hallmen
Brendan Halpin
Diana Haniacek
Barbara Hansen
Joseph Hansen
Kristy Harkins
Nathan Harper

Zigmund Harrell
David Harvoth
Jeremy Hastings
Amy Hawkins
Patricia Hedgepeth
Jack Heiright
Emily Henke
Darryl Henson

Terry Henson
Kristynn Herrold
Jennifer Herraus
Christopher Hicks
Bud Hinchley
Brent Hobbs
Denisa Hobgood
Dianna Hochstetler

During the third lunch hour, freshman gather outside of the main office in the main hallway. Right across the hall from the office, a new feature was in the showcase called "Get To Know Your Classmates," which featured different students every month. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Working on a project, freshmen Nicole Manna and Shannon Curl work together to solve the problem in Mrs. Kathy Schwingendorf's reading class. The project involed the trial of "Jack and the Beanstalk." • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Melinda Holland
Carol Holloway
Scott Holtzman
Bryan Homan
Jerrod Hopkins
Jonathan Hopp
Steffanie House
Cindy Howard

John Hrisofos
Hollie Hufstetler
Joseph Hulse
Emily Hunt
Mathew Hutchins
Michael Indrysek
Angelina Ivanovic
Katherine Ivey

Charles Jackson
Alvino Jaime
Steven James
Amanda Jamieson
Carrie Javorka
Heather Jenkins
Fabian Jimenez
Amber Johnson

Catherine Johnson
Kelly Johnston
Ryan Johnston
Nyuana Joiner
Anthony Jones
Christopher Jones
Shawn Jones
April Jongsma

James Jordan III
Fred Joseph
Jennifer Josivoff
Jennifer Kaiser
James Kallimani
Jaletta Kalman
Janeen Kamiel
Bethany Kane

William Kanost
Jason Kavender
William Keck
Richard Keever II
Marcey Kegley
Eric Keith
Patricia Kellogg
Cameron Kelly-Johnson

Eric Kemp
David Kerlin
Kathryn Kester
Daneil Kettiwig
Curtis King
Joseph Kinlaw
James Kirincic
Benjamin Kirish

Kelly Kirk
Amber Kirkpatrick
Jason Kish
Natalie Kitchen
Lena Klakoski
Dean Klakoski
Christopher Kleckner
Camellia Kleczynski

Crossing the intersection of Hamstrom Road and Central Avenue, the freshman float gets pelted with rain as it makes it way to Kyle Elementary School during the homecoming parade. The float consisted of tissue paper flowers and a mannequin for the football player. • *Theresa Lavendusky*

Holly Klingensmith
Aaron Klinger
Jen Knaaus
Joseph Koblyuski
Gina Koechmann
Gregory Koons
Gavin Kopchinski
Joseph Kornafel

Milica Koscica
Roxanne Krieg
Stephanie Krinakis
Cassandra Krok
Nicholas Kujawa
Steven Kunch
Christy Kurtz
William Lajgrand

Christopher Lancaster
Joseph Langley
Jason Lavender
Angela Lazar
Tabitha Lee
Tiffany Lee
Shauna Lees
Chris Lentner

James Leon
Krystal Levai
Kevin Levy
Brian Lewandowski
Douglas Lewandowski
Damien Lewis
Daniel Lewis
Anthony Line

Johannah Lineberry
Randon Lingenfelter
Dustin Littlefield
Heather Livengood
Alexander Lo
Erica Lo
Julie Lochmondy
Lisa Lombardi

Stephen Lovings
Tommie Low
Eric Lowe
Stephanie Lowe
Donald Lubeck
Dena Luedtke
Kevin Luellman
Laurie Luria

Vince Lusk
Tosha Lussier
Jeremy Lyons
Matthew Mahns
Jason Maisonneuve
Aasia Malik
Michelo Manna
Nicole Manna

Shawn Marjanian
Josip Markovich
Jessica Marrs
Ricky Martin
Jason Martinez
Richard Martinez
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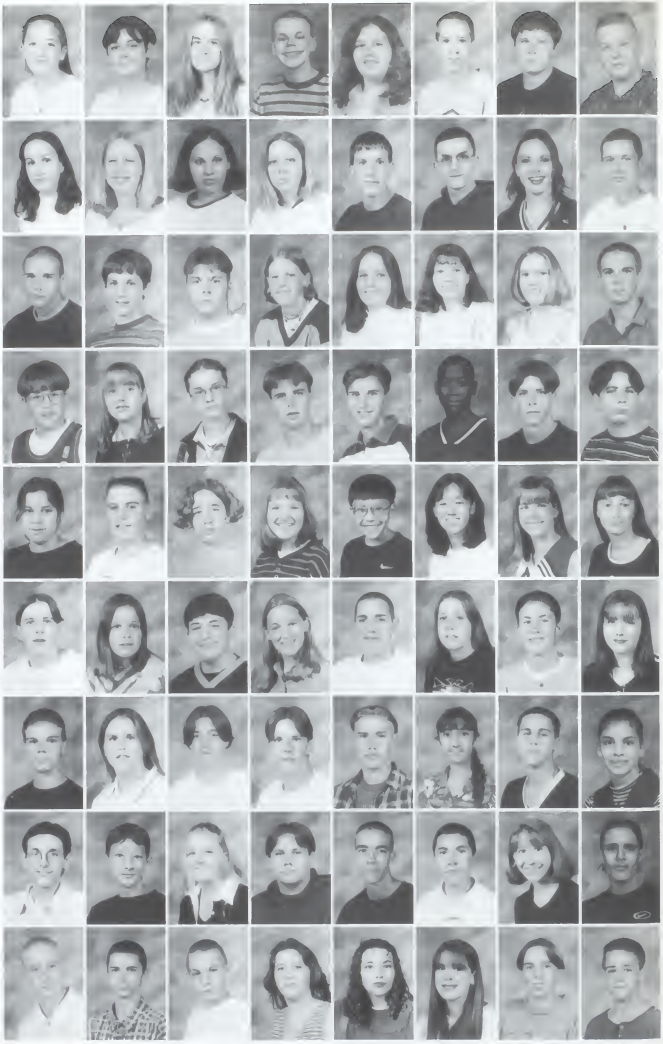

Athletes move up

Freshmen athletes recall tribulations of new school, harder practices in sports

Going from middle school to a high school twice as big, might be hard to get used to doing for some students, but freshmen members of sports teams had to get used to many other aspects of a new school besides the school itself.

The differences between sports at the middle school level and at the high school level were found in discipline and level of difficulty. The athletes had more practices in high school and needed to be more serious about the sport.

"We have to run more, there's harder plays and the coaches are stricter," freshman Don Hale said of the freshman football team.

Some older athletes recalled their times as new team members and sympathized with freshmen.

Sophomore Paul Baumm said, "Once you get into high school, you wish you were back in middle school. It's three times harder here."

The freshman sports teams had a mixture of both Fegely and Willowcreek middle school students, as well as new students. These teams, comprised of people who hardly knew each other, seemed to get along quite well.

"The students always blend well," freshman volleyball coach Mrs. Clara Lilly said. • ***Cyndi Cochran***

With eyes on his music, freshman Joe Bloomfield plucks away on his bass. Bloomfield played the bass in middle school and decided he wanted to play in high school as well. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Angie McChristian
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James Mc Farlane
Kimberly McGee
Eric McGhee

Kimberly McGinnis
Mark McGregor
Shaun McGuire
Amanda McKenzie
Mark McKim
Megan McLeod
Michelle McNamara
Rhonda McQueary

Kimberly McWaters
Ryan Melton
Allison Mendez
Marina Mendez
Xavier Mendez
Alyson Merkner
Christopher Messer
Amanda Metz

Derek Meyer
Jessica Meza
Jennifer Mick
Christopher Mihal
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Robert Miller
James Mills
Matthew Miniel

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Frank Montoleone
Sabreena Montrosse
Jennifer Morrisroe
Gregory Mundt
Corinne Munoz
Carla Munsch

Justin Murphy
Jordan Myers
David Nava
Brandon Necco
Daniel Nemeth
Geni Newsum
Julia Niksch
David Niloff

Jessica Nixon
Erin Nolan
Mary Nolan
Kristen Nottingham
David Noveiske
Cassandra Ogden
Mickey Ogle
Peggy Ohmann

Brian Oldham
James Oliver
Jonathon Ondras
Brian Ortiz
Michael Oslizlo
Carl Pancer
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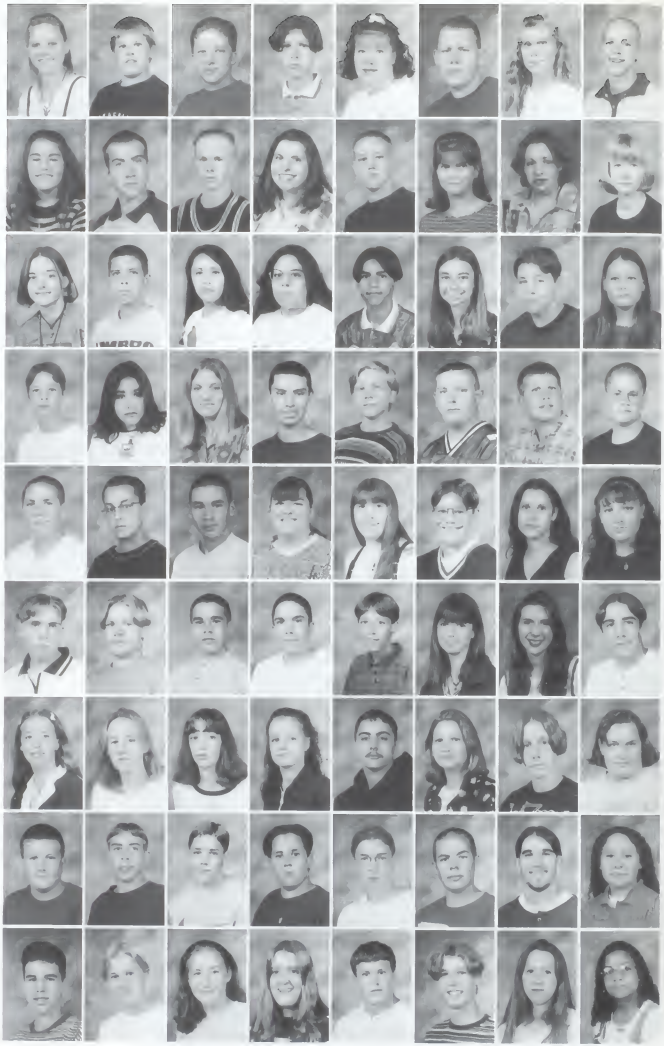

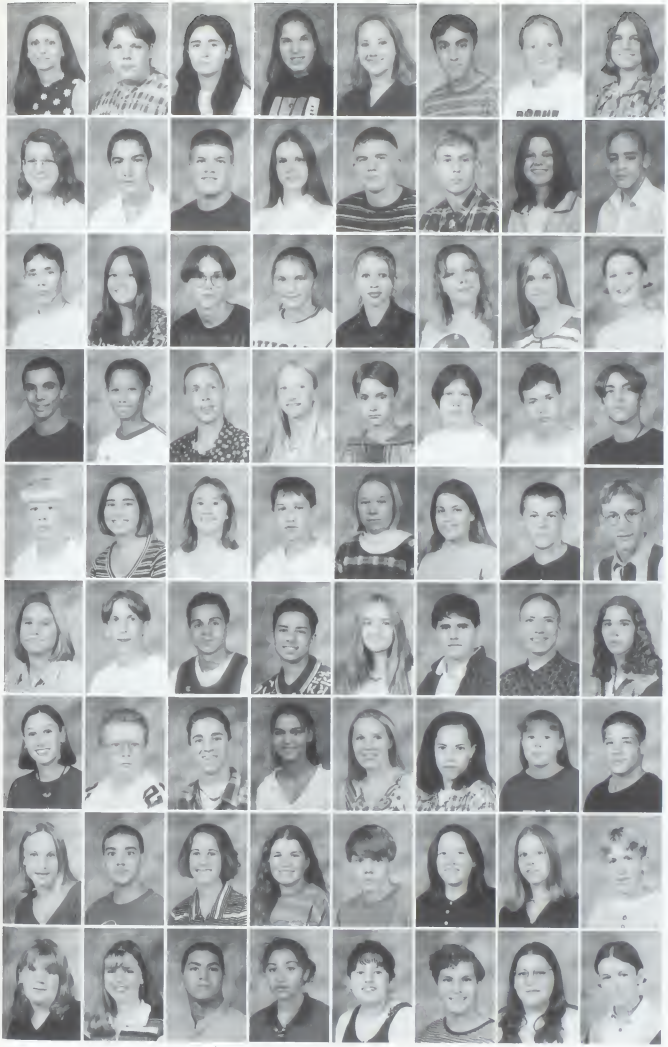

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Rosalyn Rodriguez
Heather Rogers
Edward Roman

Christine Roth
Nathan Rubalcava
Jaclyn Ruebensam
Theresa Russell
James Rutledge
Tressa Sabo
Marie Salyer
Steven Samuel

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Christopher Sapone
Jennifer Sauri
Anthony Scalone

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Paul Schmitt
Rusti Schnelle
Kyle Schultz
Christina Sewer
Joann Scobey
Rachel Scroggins

Anna Series
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Stephanie Servey
Brandie Sewell
Christopher Sewell
Everett Sewell
Justin Shasteen
Ryan Shaw

Dennis Shea
Amber Shebesh
Jason Shewmaker
Ryan Shippen
Brandi Sholak
Joshua Shope
Jacob Shreve
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Kimberly Sisk
Celena Slowik
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Christine Spargo
Cristin Sparks
Jonathan Spicer
Lisa Stanley

Robin Statum
Ted Stearns
Bryan Stewart
Cathryn Stokes
Joselyn Strom
James Sullivan
Nicole Sutherland
Nicole Sweat

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Justin Tarpley
Michael Tarrant
Aaron Tarry

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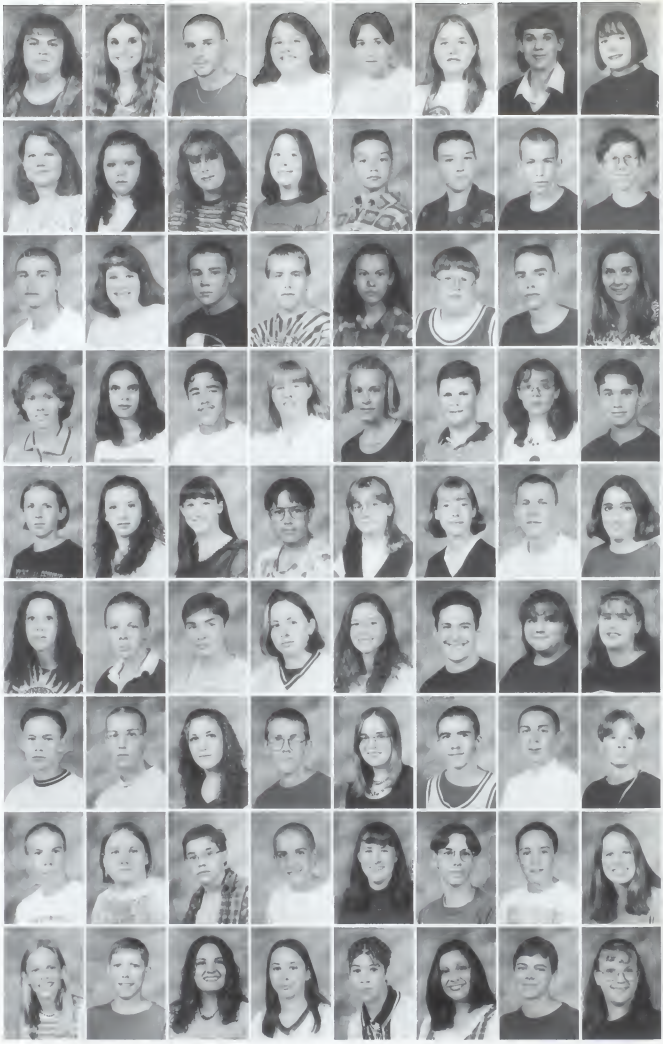

While in class, freshman Julie Lochmondy stares at the board. Lochmondy was chosen to play the part of Dorothy in the spring musical, "The Wiz." Lochmody was the first freshman in a while to get the lead role. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Joanna Trathen
Glenn Trimble
Gary Tufaga
Robert Tugurian
Tony Turner
Jenica Tyrka
Rachel Vallejo
Megan Van Auken

Erik Vancleef
Joshua Vandevender
Thomas Vann
Timothy Veden
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Eric Velazquez
Jamie Vickrey
Ricardo Viera

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Heather Vondrasek
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Dustin Vrska
Michael Wade
Eric Walker
Joshua Walker
Amanda Walworth

Cole Ward
Keith Ward
Bryan Warfield
Valerie Warner
Kim Waters
Lonnie Waters
Chad Watkins
April Watson

During their class, Jason Shewmaker and Brian Camp read a book. The two played freshman football, which had an 8-0 season record. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Sarah Watson
Jessica Wayte
Nicholas Webb
Jennifer Weber
Lisa Webster
Michael Wehner
Matthew Welches
Lucas Weldon

Matthew Westerkamp
Jason Westerman
Christopher Weyer
Nathan White
Brian Whiteman
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Mark Wiseman
Keith Wisniewski
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Charles Yermack
Annika Yetsko
Chad York
Natalie Yudt
Jeffrey Zacarias
Tracy Zaganas

Charles Zeck
Christopher Zegarac
Diane Zenci
Elissa Zurcher

Working as aids in the Guidance Office at the West Building, freshmen James Kallimani and Natalie Kitchen sort through files for information. Students could have their study hall replaced with being an aid for teachers or departments, such as guidance. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

With her viola in hand, freshman Tressa Sabo waits for instruction from her teacher. Students had to make the change from middle school to high school if they were in music courses. The change from schools included more concerts and longer practices. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Teachers can Inspire

Throughout the years, teachers helped most students achieve their goals

A student sits in class, looking at the teacher, admiring the teacher and an inspiration takes place while a future is foreseen.

"I had some really good teachers while I was in school. I thought it [teaching] was a worth while thing to do," Mr. Tom McPherson, industrial technology, said. "I was impressed by what they [teachers] accomplished."

Mrs. Christine Dixon said helping with teachers and coaches while she was a high school student inspired her to teach.

"I've always worked with either adults or kids [in teaching and coaching]. I really enjoy working with kids or adults, and definitely coaching," Dixon, business and volleyball coach, said. "My accounting career didn't allow me to do that."

Some teachers said they had favoritism when it came to students. Social Studies teacher Mr. Ron Hancock said his favoritism went to students who succeeded after they had struggled.

For students who were struggling, Hancock said the only way a teacher could help was, "just by trying to show you [the teacher] care."

Throughout the years, many teachers had helped various students. Some teachers said that since their first year, they have become better listeners when a student understands.

Hancock said, "Students don't care how much we [teachers] know, until they know how much we care!"

• ***Joseph Durk***

Anne Addis Secretary
Bonnie Albert Math
Mary Allison Social Studies
Ken Altizer JROTC
Sue Andryuk Clinic
Jane Arden Athletic Secretary
Darnell Armstrong Custodian

Steve Bartos Math
Bob Beigh Electronics
Patty Benson English
Jon Bertram Science
Barbara Blake English
Bill Bodnar Speech
Christan Bohde Science

Donna Broome Math Tutor
John Broome Assistant Principal
Mischell Browning Science
Ron Bulls Social Studies
Pat Burger Custodian
Larry Cashion Health
Cheryl Clapp Math

Clara Clark Math
Jason Cope English
Erin Core Student Teacher
Sandy Corso Physical Education
Chris Dixon Business
Diane Dominguez LRE
Megan Donelli English

James Douglas Social Studies
Pam Downard Guidance
Mary Ann Eckhart Secretary
Mark Escher Vocational Printing
Darla Foreman Bookstore
Mark Frantescon Assistant Principal
Anne Frost Math

During the Sept. 25 fire drill, Mr. Yan Wolfman and Mrs. Bonnie Albert discuss what could be going on inside the building while standing in the parking lot. The fire drill lasted almost an hour as students and faculty waited outside. The entire school filed out of the building, thinking it was an ordinary drill as dust particles from a nearby asphalt plant clogged the ventilation ducts. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

While at the National Honor Society induction, Mr. Dennis Norman presents senior Stephanie Sandor with her NHS officer guard as Historian. Norman had been at the high school since 1962 and was the NHS sponsor after Mrs. Kathy Shrader stepped down as sponsor in 1992. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Penny Gorgei Secretary
Julie Goetz Lifeskills
John Goldschmidt Diesel
Cynthia Graham Guidance
Marvin Guernsey Science
Ron Hancock Social Studies
Lori Harris Journalism

Sandy Herr Secretary
Debbie Heimann Guidance
Linda Hicks Media
Katherine Hites Spanish
Jay Hodges Science
Stanlee Hodsden Costume Designer
Louis Horwith Custodian

Lynne Huerta Spanish
Scott Hufford Science
Cathie Jacobs English
Michelle Jen Science
Lowell Johnson Assistant Principal
John Johnston JROTC
Roberta Jouflas English

John Kappes Industrial Technology
Mark Karmel Speech
Ella Karris Paraprofessional - LRE
Christine Kern Business
Richard Kirchner Principal
Dan Koishal English
Gerri Kotyuk English

Kathy Kotyuk English
Arlene Kramer Media
Annette Kulmatycki Art
Alicia Lasky LRE
Jerry Lasky Assistant Principal
Bobbie Lauchner LRE Assistant
Loretta Lazear Custodian

Linda Lemond English
Mike Lemond Social Studies
Donna Lenburg Business
Tom Lewandowski Physical Education
Valeree Lewis Custodian
Clara Lilly Secretary
Shirley Lindquist Business

Mike Lipinski Physical Education
Henry Looft Science
Lou Looft Lifeskills
Jane Lowenstein Art
Laura Luetzow Math
Sara Lux Assistant Principal
Donna MacArthur Business

Jill Mangold English
Barb Mason English
Richard Mason Science
David Massy French
Bob Mattix Science
Sue McPherson French
Tom McPherson Industrial Technology

Passing back papers, Mrs. Pat Strawbridge jokes with one of her students about their grade. During the past three years, Strawbridge had been presented with numerous awards, including a trip to Washington, D.C., with other science teachers from across the nation. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

During her sculptures 1 course 10th hour, Ms. Annette Kulmatycki walks toward her students with the supplies they need to finish their project. Kulmatycki incorporated such projects as working with paper maché and clay into her class. During the semester, students had to finish three projects to receive credit for the class. • ***Michelle Kniola***

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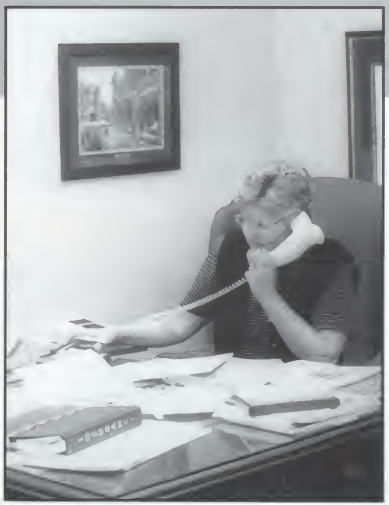

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That's all I can say right now is wow. I can't believe it's over.

Well, it all started four years ago. I was a wee freshman with a dream. Then the dream became reality and now it's over. But it was a great trip in which I met some great people. It could not have happened if it was not for these fine individuals.

Matt, Cyndi, Katy, Jeremiah: You are unique in your own special ways. You all know where you stand in life and EVERYBODY knows where Jeremiah stands, or dances for matter. Thanks for putting up with the interrogation of where your spreads were.

Mary: Just remember to come back in 10 years. Thank you for listening to me second hour and letting me help with the Pow Wow. I wasn't being superior, I was jealous. I hope you get out of life what you put into it.

Michelle, Courtney, William: Thank you for getting the pictures to everyone and making those photo shoots that just happened to be on the wrong days.

Frolic, a.k.a. Liz: You abandoned me when I needed you the most at the end of the year. Going and graduating mid term, what were you thinking? You were my stress relief! You could have recreated a couple spreads at the end! Thank you for all your help.

Missy: It was great knowing you. I learned a valuable lesson from you: You can never have too many Gap clothes. Thank you for all the help and coming in at the end of the year.

Mom: You probably don't remember this, but freshman year you told me to join a club or you were going to put me in a club. Well, I joined a club, or two, or three, etc. Thank you for your support, guidance and realizing the book came first. I love you.

Mr. Broome: There are not enough words to say how grateful I am to you. You helped me so much my sophomore year and was there for me when no one else was. You made a huge impact in my life. Thank you for the experience.

Miss Harris: Knowing you has been a rollercoaster, one that you don't want to stop. We've had our ups and downs, sudden turn arounds and those death defying drops that hit us when we are least expecting it, ie. March DEADline! But in the end, we're back on track. I've learned so much from you and I hope I can become a great leader. Oh, and by the way, I washed the ladle.

Genanne: I said it once and I'll say it again. You proved to be an outstanding asset to the staff and myself. Sure, you scared me at semester when you said you might be dropping, but I recovered. You improved greatly over the year and will do an excellent job next year. You and Missy will have fun, just remember to sit on opposite sides of the room.

Theresa: Before I get into this, do you think you could go take a picture for me? No, just kidding! Thank you for always being there before I could even ask you to. You scared me as well when the first DEADline rolled around and you were stressing big time in the darkroom. But you managed and I thank you for that.

Kathy: I'm not going to say I'm sorry, there's no need to because the book shows just how much you did. You helped me tremendously, but most of all, you helped me keep sane, all the way to the end. You even knew when to get me out of the room! The most important thing I can say to you for next year is to have fun with it. If you don't have fun, it's not worth it. You'll do an excellent job. Thank you for all your help, dedication, but most of all, thanks for your comedy. It's in your hands now.

To everyone who reads this book: Thank you for your time. I hope you have as much pleasure viewing it as we did making it. I speak for the staff when I say we truly had a good time producing a "legend." - Joe

Legend 1997

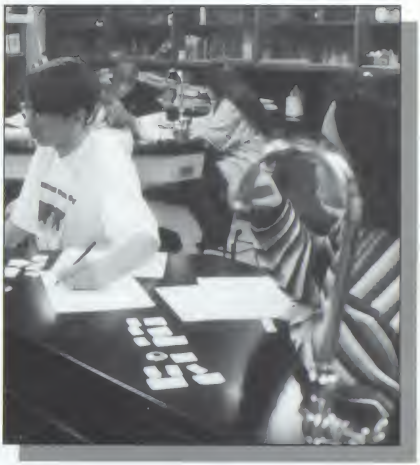
Although the year has past and approximately 650 students graduated and some teachers and administrators retired or moved on, the memories created by the individuals involved with the school will last a lifetime.

Students intertwined with each other and the community in many ways, either by raising money or goods for those in need or volunteering time. They found a part of themselves during their high school career inside and outside of the building. Moments in time will stick out in the minds of the students who passed through these halls, whether those memories were of scoring the game winning point, making friends at club meetings, achieving an A on an exam, dealing with relationships or getting a job. In the end the memories created and the friendships developed helped to created an memorable and unique year for all.

Spinning around in a gravity simulator, senior Jessica Reed celebrates her spring break in Florida. Spring Break, for some, was a time to relax with friends and family. It was also a time to get away from the stresses of school and work, while others were scheduled to work during their vacation.

Standing among his fellow teammates, senior Jed Mayes steps off the field at half time during the Homecoming game against Michigan City. Much of the school and community attended football games to cheer on their home team.

• ***Theresa Lavendusky***



Listening to Mrs. Pat Strawbridge, sophomore Jeff Zeha takes notes to help him understand his chemistry. Students were required to take chemistry in order to obtain their honors diploma. • ***Theresa Lavendusky***

Walking from East to West, several students fight the rain to get to their next class. The administration cracked down on underage smokers buy using a camera van to catch students smoking in between buildings. • ***Natalie Huffman***

After weeks of practice, senior Nathan Mundt hugs Mr. Joe Stevens after being declared the Outstanding Young Man of the year. As a way to add to the excitement of their final year, many senior males participated in YM in hopes of scholarships and recognition for their future plans. By participating in several organizations and events, students developed strong friendships that lasted far beyond graduation. • Theresa Lavendusky

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